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PROCEEDINGS.

Elder Joney Williams Preached the introductory sermon from 1 Sam. 17:29.

After an hours intermission the association was opened by Elder Thomas Dickens, after which the Association proceeded to business.

On motion Elder Joney Williams was chosen moderator and Elder George Robbins clerk, who called to his assistance H. S. Reid.

4. On motion all visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

5. Elder C. C Holleman and John Carney were sent to the stand to preach.

Elder Holleman preached from Mark 5:8. Elder Carney from Joel 2:12.

6. We appointed a committee on arrangements who were Charles Barnes, Haywood Pender and Frank Barnes.

7. Elders Westley Henderson, Wm. Slade and C. C. Holleman were received as visitors from the Durham Association and Elders Thomas Dickens and John Carney and Peter Battle from the Little Kehukee Association.

8. Letters were called for and read from six churches.

9. Petitionary letters were called for but there were none presented.

10. Smith Pittiford and John Evans were appointed a committee on Finance.

11. The names of the several churches were called. London's, this church was organizzed with members who had obtained letters from the church at Wilson in the year 1895.

Elders P. D. Gold, William Woodard, J. F. Farmer and brother Dock Thorn were the presbytery in the organization of this church. The present number belonging to this church are eighty-nine in fellowship.

12. Barnes—This church was organized on the 19th day of November 1898 with members who had obtained letters of dismission from the following churches: Turner Swamp,

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London and White Oak, 14 in all. The presbytery and the organization of this church were Elders P. D. Gold, Jonah Williams and brother Jesse Moore. Their present number in fellowship is 24.

Turner Swamp church organized April 27th, 1897, of members who had obtained letters of dismission from Aycock's and Nahunta, there were eight in all.

The presbytery in the organization of this church is as follows: Elders P. D. Gold, J. S. Woodard, William Woodard, J. B. Bass and J. Farmer.

The present number of this church is 55.

14. Little Union—This church was organized November 1899 with nine members from Town Creek church. The presbytery who organized this church was Joney Williams and Ransom Lloyd. Their present member in fellowship is 39.

15. Spring Hope—This is one of the churches of the old Landmark Association and was organized November 1892 with four members. Since that time they received by baptism and letters of dismission from other churches of the same faith about thirty-nine members and lost by death and by error until their number now is only 15.

16. Rocky Mount—This church is situated in Rocky Mount and was organized September the 6th, 1908 with four members who had obtained letters of dismission from the Falls of Tar River and the church at Landmark. Elders Joney Williams and George Robbins and Deacons Smith Pettiford and Jerald Jackson were the presbytery in the organization of this church. Her present membership is 14.

17. Our next Association was appointed to be held with the church at Turner Swamp. Elder G. W. Robbins was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Joney Williams to be his alternate.

18. The following brethren were appointed messengers to sister Associations: Elders Joney Williams, Geo. Robbins and Frank Barnes to ask for correspondence.

19. Elder Robbins to write a petitionary letter asking correspondence with our sister associations and the above messengers to bear said letter.

20. We should have 500 copies of these minutes printed and we allow five dollars for printing and distribution of minutes and the clerk be allowed $7.50 for his services.

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21. We appoint an Association treasurer, Brother Frank Barnes was appointed temporary treasurer.

22. The committee on arrangement make their report: Sunday morning service to open half after 10 o'clock. Elder Thomas Dickens opened service and preached from Genesis 45:27, 28. Elder W. E. Slade followed and preached from Hebrews 3:5, 6,

After an intermission of one hour Elder Westley Henderson opened the evening service and preached from Judges 16:27, 29, 30.

Elder George Robbins followed and preached from Deut. 33:27.

Monday Morning nine o'clock: Services were opened by Elder Peter Battle, who preached from Mark 28:19, 20.

Elder John Carney followed and preached from St. John 15:12.

Their report was received and the committee discharged.

23. The committee on finance made their report and they reported as follows:

Received from the churches.....	$38.50
Sunday	$26.32
Total	$64.82
Left in hands of the clerk for printing minutes and distribution of minutes	$5.00
Allowed the Clerk for his services	$7.50
To visiting ministers	$23.80
Total	$36.30
Balance in hand of Treasurer	$27.92

Their report was received and they were discharged.

24. The churches contributed for expenses of this Association as follows:

London's	$8.00
Turner Swamp	10.00
Barnes	5.00
Little Union	5.00
Spring Hope	5.00
Rocky Mount	5.00
Received by a collection on Sunday	26.32

25. The proceedings of this association being read they were approved.

26. We adjourn to the time and place for our next association.

JONEY WILLIAMS, Moderator.
GEORGE ROBBINS, Clerk.
HENRY S. REID, Assistant Clerk.

Ordained Ministers and Their Post Office Addresses.

Joney Williams, Wilson, N. C.; George Robbins, Spring Hope, N. C. Licentiates: Frank Barnes, Elm City, N. C.; Neverson Allen, Spring Hope, N. C.

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Churches

London's the first Sunday, commencing on Saturday before.

Turner Swamp—Second Sunday, commencing on Saturday before.

Barnes—Third Sunday, commencing on Saturday before.

Spring Hope—Third Sunday, commencing on Saturday before.

Rocky Mount—First Sunday, commencing on Saturday before.

Pastors of Churches.

Elder Joney Williams is pastor of London's, Turner Swamp, Barnes and Little Union.

Elder George Robbins, pastor of Spring Hope and Rocky

Circular Letter.

Very Dear Beloved Brethren and Sisters:

The ministers and messengers of the Turner Swamp Association appointed me to write a Circular Letter for this Association and if approved, to be attached to these minutes.

I only would admonish you one and all to stand fast in the liberty wherewith the Lord hath made you free and that you abound more in the love of our Saviour. He told His followers what I say unto one of you I say unto you all, watch as well as pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

There are only a few of us who were set apart in a divine and regular way, and we stand identified withour old fathers and mothers in Israel. We have their rules of government regulations and laws. Let us hold and keep them and earnestly contend for their faith and practices.

I know if the brethren and sisters composing the churches that Elder Williams serves will hear him and follow his teaching and instruction, they will always be found in peace and they will dwell at the haven of rest, for he is an earnest contender for the doctrine of God our Saviour and for the foot prints of the flock and that divisions and subdivisions will not once be named among them. And my poor unworthy, unprofitable and imperfect self for the space of 29 years have been trying to lead and teach the children of God to pursue the course that make for peace and I have never seen a family that didn't take my instruction that ever done well. I have never seen a single boy or girl who wouldn't hear my instruction but what would have it very hard.

I have never seen a church prosper who would not give ear to my instruction. I have tried with all my might, soul and strength to profit by meditating upon the scriptures and following the instruction of such brethren as Elders N. H. Harrison, Sylvester Hassell, M. B. Williford, P. D. Gold and a host of other good white brethren. I feel it is their duty to instruct us and our profit to follow their instruction.

So my dear brethren let us all stand fast in those liberties wherewith the Lord hath made us free and not be again entangled with the yoke of bondage. So brethren let us pray with and for one another and strive to keep the unity

of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.

And mark them that cause division among us contrary to the scriptures and avoid them. Brethren love the Lord, love the brethren, follow peace with all mankind, and the God of peace be with you. Amen.

GEORGE ROBBINS, Spring Hope, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Joney Williams. After singing hymn 201 and prayer by brother Williams, he proceeded to preach the introductory sermon from Romans 7:4.

Then after an intermission of one hour and a half the Association met in the house and was opened by Elder Jesse Lee, by singing hymn 9, and offering prayer.

1. Elder Joney Williams was chosen Moderator.
2. Elder Robbins was chosen Clerk.
3. Elders Jesse Lee, of Stone Bridge, Va., and Peter Battle, of Rocky Mount, were sent to the stand to preach by the Moderator and Clerk.
4. Elder Battle opened evening service and preached from 2 Timothy 2:9; Elder Jesse Lee followed and preached from Heb. 9:24, 25, 26 and 27.
5. All visiting members of same like precious faith were invited to seats with us.
6. The list of the churches was called—all were present.
7. The Moderator and Clerk appoint a committee on arrangement, and they appointed Gary Armstrong, Brad Battle and Charles Barnes.
8. The Moderator and Clerk appoint a committee on finance and they appointed Smith Pettiford and May Moore.
9. We called for correspondence, whereupon the following were received: From the Durham Association, Elder Wesley Henderson with minutes; from Little Kehukee, Eld. Thomas Dickens and John Carney. Elder Jesse Lee was received a visitor from the second Ketocton Association.
10. The letters from the several churches were called for, and read, and their standing in the statistical table of churches noted.
11. Petitions for the next Association were called for, a petition from the church at Barnes for the Association was received and granted, and by a motion and second, it was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Barnes, about 8 miles from Wilson on the Stantonsburg Road, and 2 or 3 miles from Stantonsburg, and to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1915, and Elder George Robbins to preach the introductory sermon, and Eld. Williams his alternate.
12. The circular letter that was appointed by our last Association to be written be called for and read, was pre-

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sented, read and approved, and ordered to be attached to these minutes.

13. We appoint some one to write a circular letter for next year, and if approved to be attached to the minutes.

Elder Joney Williams was appointed to writte the circular letter.

14. The question of changing the Associataion was sprung by Eld. Westley Henderson, and after a short debate we agreed to change the time of holding the Association from the first Sunday to the second Sunday in Oct. commencing on Saturday before and holding three days.

15. We adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY.

Sunday morning at 10:30 service was opened by Elder Westly Henderson, who preached from Matt. 21:2.

Elder Jesse Lee of Stone Bridge, Va., followed and preached from Isaiah 61:1. After which we took a hour's intermission. The evening service was opened by Elder Thomas Dickens who sang hymn 571, and read for a text from Hebrews 8:9-10. Elder John Carney followed and preached from Ezekiel 37:6. We sang a hymn closing the Sunday service.

MONDAY MORNING.

16. The Association met in the house according to adjournment and was opened by praise and prayer by Elder Thomas Dickens.

17. The list was called. All present but Barnes: no intelligence.

18. We continue correspondence with our sister Associations, to-wit, Durham and Little Kehukee.

19. Elders Williams and Robbins were appointed messengers to visit these Associations.

20. Elder Jesse Lee begged to take up correspondence with this Association, he being a member and Moderator of the second Ketocton Primitive Baptist Association. The question was considered and discussed a short while, then there was a motion made and seconded that we take up correspondence with the second Ketocton Association, and it was unanimously agreed to, and Elder Robbins was chosen and appointed to visit them in their next session which is appointed to be held with the church at first Zion near Stone Bridge, Va.

21. The treasurer was called on to make report of the treasury. He reported 6 cents in the treasury. The report

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was received.

22. The finance committee was called on to report, and they reported as follows:

Received from the churches	$45.00
Collections on Sunday	$14.89
Total,	$59.89

23. Report received and committee discharged.

24. The committee on arrangement made their report, and they were honorably discharged for their honorable work.

25. Elders Jesse Lee and Westley Henderson were sent to the stand to preach today, and Elder Lee opened service and preached from Luke 24:46-47. Elder Westley Henderson followed and preached from Isaiah 63:4.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Printing 500 copies of the Minutes	$10.00
Clerk's Fees	6.00
To Traveling Ministers as follows:	
Westley Henderson	3.05
Thomas Dickens	2.10
John Carney	1.65
Jesse Lee	9.50
Geo. Robbins	.80
Joney Williams	2.00
Peter Battle	.50
Reddick Battle	1.00
Total Expenditures	$36.60
Balance left in the hands of the Treasures	$23.29

On motion we extend our heartfelt thanks to our God and the people of this community for the kind hospitality we have received in the entertainment of this Association.

On motion we adjournd to the time and place appointed next year.

ELDER JONEY WILLIAMS, Moderator.

ELDER GEO. ROBBINS, Clerk.

CHURCHES AND THEIR MEETING DAYS.

Turner Swamp, second Sunday and Saturday before. Quarterly meeting days Feb., May, Aug., Nov.

Barnes. third Sunday and on Saturday before. Quarterly meeting days, Feb., May, Aug., Nov.

London's, first Sunday, commencing on Saturday before. Quarterly meetings Feb., May, Aug, Nov.

Little Union, fourth Sunday and Saturday before. Quarterly meeting Jan., April, July, October.

Rocky Mount, first Sunday, commencing on Saturday before. Quarterly meetings, March, June, Sept., Dec.

Spring Hope, third Sunday and on Saturday before. Quarterly meeting February, May, August, November.

CHURCH PASTORS.

Joney Williams is pastor of Turner Swamp, Barnes, Landons and serves Little Union.

Geo. Robbins is pastor of Spring Hope and Rocky Mount.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Joney Williams, Wilson, N. C.

Geo. Robbins, Spring Hope, N. C.

LICENTIATES:—Mc. Edmundson, Fremont, N. C., Frank Barnes, Elm City, N. C.

The Turner Swamp Primitive Baptist Association, to the churches comprising the same, sends greeting and Christian salutation:—

Beloved Brethren:—

Through the blessings and tender mercies of the Lord, I am kept until near the time to assemble ourselves in the fifth session of our Association. According to custom and by the agreement or order of our last Association, some one was appointed to write a circular letter to be attached to the next minutes of our Association, which task fell to me.

Dear Brethren: Bear with me a little, while I make an attempt to try through much weakness and unworthy feelings, something for your meditation and consideration.

We feel at the present time to call your attention first to some thoughts contained in the fifteen chapter of John.

First verse: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." Now to my weak understanding the word husbandman in this verse refers to a great provider for a great family, both naturally and spiritually.

Second verse: "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away, and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." To my mind this shows us clearly that our success depends upon our being obedient to the true vine (Christ Jesus.)

Fifth verse: "I am the vine, ye are the branches, He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without me ye can do nothing." This verse shows us the danger of not abiding in the vine, that in a manner we are then as a plant that is deprived of its soil and moisture which nourishes it and causes it to prosper and grow without which, it could do nothing but wither and die.

Seventh verse: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Such verses as this ought always to encourage us to strive dilligently to stick close to the vine—though I agree that we are in a world of trials, temptations and wickedness which are, as we are told in Ecclesiastes that all these things are vexation and vanity to the spirit of God. We should not give over to them but try to walk according to the gospel rule, then you will mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace. (Psalms 37:37

Now brethren if we are witnesses to that peace, it is an evidence that we are branches of the true vine. Fret not

thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. (Psalms 37:1.) These of us who can testify to that great peace which was brought about by the death of that perfect man should be willing to deny self and mortify the deeds of the body for his sake.

Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart, Psalms 37:4. It should not be grievous to the branches with such promises as these to submit ourselves to the teaching of the true vine that his word might abide in us, then we would have the mind of Christ and would only ask that which was his will to give. "For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be, yea thou shalt dilligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Psalms 37:10-11. There are none of us but what has only a little while to contend with the evil spirit—then with the hope that we have of delighting in that abundance of peace, we should strive earnestly against the spirit of wickedness that may frequently rise up in us. And now my dear brethren, I exhort you all as branches of that vine to be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 or. 15:58.

In ronilusion brethren, I humbly ask you all to pray for me, that I may spend the remainder of my days in honor to His name, that I may show that I am one of the branches by keeping his commandments.

Your brother in hope,

JONAH WILLIAMS.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Names of Messengers.	Rec. by Bay.	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Tot. Mem.	Sun. of Meet.	Contributions.
Londons.....	Chas. Barnes, H. Pender	2					3	96	1	10.00
Turner Ewamp ..	Mc. Edmondson, May Moore	2			1		3	51	2	15.00
Barnes	David L. Parker, Jack Evans	1						20	3	5.00
Little Union	G. Armstrong, F. Barnes	1			1		1	46	4	5.00
Spring Hope	S. Pettiford, C. Jones				2	1	1	13	3	5.00
Rocky Mount ...	Brad Battle, Isaac Wells						1	17	1	5.00

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OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

TURNER SWAMP

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

ROCKY MOUNT

OCTOBER 11 - 12 - 13, 1919

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MINUTES

Of the Ninth Annual Session of the Turner Swamp Association, Held with the Church at Rocky Mount, Oct. 11, 12, 13, 1919

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Geo. Robbins from Romans 15:12, "We then that are strong should bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves." Then we gave one hour and thirty minutes for dinner.

2nd. The association met in the house and the conference was opened by Elder Thomas Dickins.

3rd. Elder Robbins asked to be dismissed as moderator, and it was agreed.

4th. Elder C. H. Hagans was chosen moderator.

5th. Elder Robbins was chosen clerk.

6th. Elders Mc Moore, John Carney and Isaac Barnes were sent to the stand to preach.

7th. All visiting members of the same faith and order were invited to seats.

8th. Charles Barnes, Edward Pope and George Braswell were appointed a committee on arrangements for the meeting.

9th. Smith Pettiford and Haywood Pender were appointed a committee on finance.

10th. Correspondence was called for, Elder Westly Henderson from the Durham Association was received with a file of minutes. Elder Thompson, a visitor from Indiana was received. Elders Thomas Dickens and John Carney from the little Kehukee were received with a file of minutes.

Elder John Allesberry of the Second Ketocton Association with a file of minutes.

11. Elders Robbins and Hagans were asked as correspondents to visit the Durham Association next year, 1920. Also the little Kehukee Association as corresponding messengers.

12. We agreed to keep up correspondence with the Second Ketocton Association and that we correspond by messenger or minutes or both, and if by messenger Elder Robbins was chosen to go.

13. The letters of the several churches were called for and read, and their standing in the statistical table of churches noted.

14. Spring Hope church petitioned for the next association and it was agreed for the next sitting of the

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Turner Swamp Association to meet with the church at Spring Hope, Nash County, N. C., and Elder C. H. Hagan preach the introductory sermon and service to begin at 11 o'clock.

15. The circular letter prepared by Elder Robbins was called for and read and approved and agreed to be attached to the minutes of this association.

16. Agreed that Elder C. H. Hagan write the next circular letter to be read at our next association and if approved to be attached to the minutes.

17. Agreed to have 500 copies of these minutes printed and we leave in the hand of clerk $15.00 to pay for the minutes being printed.

18. We agree to pay the clerk $10 for his services.

19. We adjourned until Monday morning at nine o'clock.

Saturday's preaching was as follows: Isaac Barnes opened the evening services and preached from Romans 7:24. Elder M. C. Moore followed and preached from the 2nd chap., 10 verse Ephesians. Elder John Carney also followed and preached from Songs of Solomon, 2nd chapter 1st verse.

Sunday morning the 10 o'clock services were opened by Elder Dickins. He sang hymn 612 and preached from St. John, 10th chapter 4th verse. Elder W. H. Henderson followed and preached from Romans, 10th chapter 15th verse, sang hymn 271 then the moderator sang a hymn and gave us one hour and a half for dinner.

Elder John Allesbury opened the evening services by singing hymn 518 and preached from John the 3rd chapter, 4th and 5th verse. Elder Ervin Thompson of Indiana followed, sang hymn and took his text 4, 5, 6, and 7 verses of the 2nd chapter Corinthians.

Sunday night at the meeting house Elder Thompson opened services and preached from Corinthians, 15th chapter 22nd verse. Elder Allesberry followed and preached from John 2nd chapter, 3rd verse.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock the association met in the house pursuant to adjournment and the conference was opened by Elder John Allesbury, sang hymn No. 145 and prayed.

20. All visitors were invited to seats.

21. Saturday's proceedings were read and corrected.

22. The list of churches were called over and all were present.

23. Owing to the inclemency of the weather we postponed preaching today "Monday" at the stand.

24. Elder Allesbury not being present Saturday rises in behalf of the second Ketocton Association and makes some very appropriate remarks.

25. The treasurer made his report, he reported nothing in the treasury from the last association. His statement was received.

26. The committee on arrangement of the meeting was called on to report, as their report was satisfactory they were discharged.

27. The committee on finance made their report and they reported that they received from the churches $57.50, and had taken up at the stand $55.65, total $113.15 and they were discharged.

28. We return thanks to the Lord and to the people for the kind hospitality we have received in the entertainment of this association.

29. We adjourned. Elder C. H. Hagans, Moderator: Elder George Robbins, Clerk.

Churches and their pastors, Geo. Robbins serves Spring Hope, Rocky Mount and Turner swamp, C. H. Hagans serves London's, Barnes, Little Union and Rick-Grove.

Ordained Ministers and Their Postoffice Addresses

Elder Robbins, Spring Hope, N. C.

Elder C. H. Hagans, Sharpsburg, N. C.

Elder M. K. Taylor, Sharpsburg, N. C.

Church meeting days: London's, first Sunday and Saturday, quarterly meetings, February, May, August and November. Barnes, third Sunday and Saturday before; quarterly meetings, February, May, August and November.

Turner Swamp, Second Sunday and Saturday before; quarterly meeting, February, May, August and November. Little Union fourth Sunday and on Saturday before; quarterly meetings, January, April, July and October. Spring Hope, third Sunday and Saturday before; quarterly meetings, February, May, August and November. Rocky Mount, the first Sunday and on Saturday before; quarterly meetings, March, June, September and December. Rick's Grove, second Sunday and on Saturday before; quarterly meetings, March, June, September and December.

Licentiates: N. Allen, Spring Hope, N. C.; Mc. Edmundson and Noble Sherod, Fremont, N. C.; Isaac Barnes, Elm City, N. C.

Expenditures

Financial report received from the churches and collected at the stand	$113.15
Paid for printing minutes	15.00
Clerk's fees	10.00
For financial expenses	2.00
Given to traveling ministers	53.33
Balance left in hand of the treasurer	32.87

CIRCULAR LETTER

Spring Hop, N. C., September 15, 1919.

To all whom it may concern, dear beloved brethren, sisters and friends scattered abroad, Greeting:

The ministers and messengers of the Turner Swamp Primitive Association in its session of 1917 appointed me to write a circular letter to be read in their next session to be held with the church at Rocky Mount, and if approved to be attached to the minutes of the association. Beloved, I call you attention to the 16th verse of the 5th chapter of Ephesians which reads as follows: "Redeeming the time because the days are evil." The Apostle begins this chapter by saying, "be ye therefore followers of God as dear children."

Now to follow God we have to mortify the deeds of the flesh and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. It seems the Apostle is admonishing the dear brethren all through this chapter, and in this 116th verse he speaks as though they had not made use of the time the Lord had given them to do good. You know Brethern, some people would have you believe if they had been here when Jesus was they would have defended him and would have drawn the sword and slain men for his dear sake.

When the same people have the brethren, the people of God hre and instead of taking the time to love and defend them they are devouring their neighbors. If there ever was an evil day, it is today, and men are following the evil and pernicious ways of the world. We have done evil in the past and are doing evil in the present. Brethren, shall we do evil that good may come, God forbid. The Bible teacvhes us to awake to righteousness and sin not, and again he says, "awake thou that sleepeth and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee life and brethren see then that ye walk not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil. Beloved brethren it is of a truth some of the Lord's' people have bankrupted their time and act as though they knew they were going to live here always, but Brethren, let me tell you the time is short, whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. don't leave off any thing you ought to do today expecting to do it tomorrow. Don't let the sun go down on you, make good use of the time. If you

owe a brother anything pay him at once and then you can go freely, thus doing you redeem the time. If we repent of our sins and confess them God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. The fool has said in his heart there is no God and that he delay his coming and begins to smite his brother on the right hand and on the left.

My brother, if you don't watch out the Lord will come upon us as a thief in the night and the lamp that lights your pathway will be blown out, it will be too late then to redeem the time because the great day of his wrath is come and who shall be able to stand. Jesus told certain ones that the poor they had with them always, and whensoever they would they might do them good, but he said me ye have not always, and I believe Brethren, he had reference to his people who are poor in spirit, but they are rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom of God.

Let's try to do good Brethren, while we have time, and make up some of our lost time. Our text says we can do it and I believe we can. It is never too late to do good. Let me exhort you in the name and by the mercies of God to love and fear God and love the Brethren and by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples. If ye have love one for the other, but if ye bite and devour one another ye will be destroyed one of another. Don't be deceived, God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth the same shall he reap, then let us sow good seed and we will reap good fruits.

Dear beloved Brethren if you feel like you have lost any time or have mortgaged any time do works of righteousness and redeem the time back for the days are evil days. The whole world is corrupt and the churches are corrupt. Brethren are very apt to get together and talk about past time and they generally speak of past days as being good days, well, they were good days and have you ever considered what made those days good, joyous and lovely? We can have the same good days and time as we used to have if we would all turn to our first love and do our first work. Brethren, our lamps need trimming and we need new oil, grease and the match of life spirit be applied that our lamps might burn with love and may see your good works and glorify your father which are in heaven. Oh! that the Lord Gor would come into his tabernacle and walk up and down it and set his house in order that we may abide the day of his coming and stand when he appeareth, but the Lord afore said all these things that are coming to pass, and shewed them to his holy apostles and they wrote as they were moved by the holy ghost saying: This know all so that in the last days perilous times shall come for men shall be lovers of themselves covetous, boastful and high minded lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. They add to themselves teachers having itching

ears, they add to themselves more and more ungodliness ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. They are they which creep in houses and lead captive silly women laden with sin lest we old soldiers of the cross of Christ show ourselves patterns of good works that the youngster Brethren may take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus. Our text says the days are evil and I agree with him. It seems the people are run mad, what to do they don't seem to know.

Let every son and daughter of Zion return to his and her and their God and not be back biting and evil speaking of each other. Let's' love one another and the Lord will love us. Today if you hear his voice harden not your hearts, but redeem the time for the days are evil, moreover Brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant how that our fathers were under the cloud and all passed through the sea and were all baptised unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and did all eat the same spiritual meat and did all drink the same spiritual drink for they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them, and that rock Christ, but with many of them God was not well pleased for they were ever thrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples to the intent we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolators as were some of them aq it is written the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornification as some of them committed and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ as some of them did, also tempted and were destroyed of serpents and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Now all these things happened unto them for examples they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world have come, wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. May God increase our faith for Jesus' sake that while the days are evil we may walk worthy of the vocations wherewith the Lord has called us with all meekness and holiness desiring to keep the unity of the spirfit in the bonds of peace.

May God have mercy upon us all, amen.

GEORGE ROBBINS.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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Turner Swamp	H. N. Sherod, H. S. Reid	3	0	0	0	3	1	60	$10.00
Londons	Charles Barnes, Geo. Brassell	8	1	0	1	6	1	81	10.00
Barnes	Jack Evans, Jack Hilliard	2	0	0	0	1	0	20	5.00
Little Union	Miles Taylor, J. H. Armstrong	6	--	1	0	2	--	55	5.00
Spring Hope	Smith Petiford, Neverson Allen	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10.00
Rocky Mount	G. Robbins, Ed. Pope	0	0	0	1	1	0	12	10.00
Ricks Grove	W. M. K. Taylor, C. H. Hagans	2	--	1	0	0	0	7	2.50

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BARNES

WILSON COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 1934

ELDER C. H. HAGAN, Moderator
ELDER GEORGE ROBBINS, Clerk
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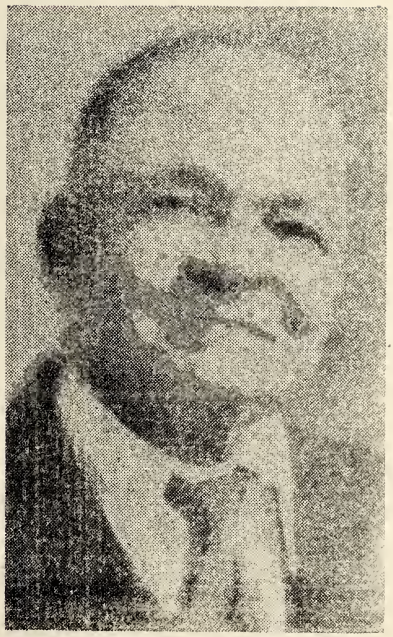

ELD. GEORGE ROBBINS,
907 Elizabeth St., Durham, N. C.
Pastor New Center Church, Reidsville, N. C.

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Proceedings

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH.

After praise and prayer by Elder C. H. Hagans, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Hagan. His text was 1 Cor. 2:10. Then dismissed one hour for dinner, after which the ministers and messengers assembled in the house and the Association was opened with singing and prayer by Elder A. Hyman.

On motion Elder Hagans was chosen Moderator and Elder Robbins, Clerk, who called to his assistance, Brother John Battle. The Moderator and Clerk sent Elder Marshall Cooper and Elder Abram Hill to the stand to preach for the people.

On motion Haywood Pender and Junius Best were appointed as a finance committee.

On motion a committee on arrangements was appointed. Brother L. W. Pulley, Ed Pope and James H. Armstrong were appointed.

On motion correspondence was called for and Elder A. Hyman from the Little Kehukee Association, with a file of minutes; Elder C. M. Well from the Durham Association, with a file of minutes, were received and seated. Elder E. L. Cobb and Elder Robert Boswell (white) were received from the Black Creek Association (white people), we having before received some of their ministers.

On motion Elder Hagan and Elder Robbins visit the Durham and Little Kehukee Associations by the request of their messenger.

On motion the roll of the churches was called.

On motion the letters of the different churches were called for and read and their standing entered in the table of churches.

On motion, agreed we have five hundred (500) copies of the minutes of this Association printed and distributed among the churches and one copy recorded in the Association book, and we pay $25.00 for printing and we allow the Clerk $8.00 for his services.

On motion petitions for the next Association were called for and Londons' Church was selected for the

next Association, to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1935 and Elder C. H. Hagan was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Robbins his alternate.

On motion the Circular Letter was called for, read, and attached to the minutes of this Association.

On motion Elder T. B. Best was chosen to write a Circular Letter for next year to be read at our next Association and if approved to be attached to the minutes of our next Association, 1935. The committees on arrangement made a partial report.

On motion we adjourned until Monday morning 9 oclock.

After singing a hymn we were dismissed.

MONDAY MORNING 9 o'CLOCK

After praise and prayer, the Conference was opened by Elder C. M. Wells.

On motion, all visiting members of the same like faith and order were invited to seats.

On motion the roll of the several churches was called. All answered.

On motion Turner Swamp Church was placed in her proper place in the roll of the churches.

On motion the committee on arrangements made their report, after which they were discharged.

On motion the committee on finance made their report. They reported in hand at this Association $73.82.

Expenditures

For printing minutes	$25.00
Clerk's fees	8.00
Paid to ministers:	
C. M. Wells	6.25
A. L. Cooper	6.25
A. Hyman	6.25
Elder Robbins	5.00
Elder Hagan	6.00
For hauling lumber	6.00
Paid officers of the law	2.00

On motion we return our heartfelt thanks to the Lord for his mercies and grace and to the people of this community for their kind hospitality in the entertainment of this Association.

On motion the Association adjourned.

C. H. HAGAN, Moderator
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CHURCH MEETING DAYS

London's—First Sunday and on Saturday before.

Turner Swamp—Second Sunday and on Saturday before.

Little Union—Fourth Sunday and on Saturday before.

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London's meeting house where the Association will be held next year, is one mile east of Wilson, Wilson County, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Names	Postoffices
C. H. Hagan	Sharpsburg, N. C.
Geo. Robbins	Elizabeth St., Durham, N. C.
T. B. Best,	Stantonsburg, N. C.
Abram Hill	Fremont, N. C.
Marshall Cooper	Wilson, N. C.

Licentiates—None.

Received from the churches	$50.00
At the stand	$23.82
Total	$73.82

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday, Oct. 13, 1934, after prayer by Elder Hagan the Introductory Sermon was preached by him from first Cor. 2nd chapter, 10th verse.

Saturday afternoon—Elder Abram Hill opened the service with Hymn 372. His text was Ezek. 37th chapter 1st verse.

Elder Marshall Cooper followed and preached, after singing hymn 285. His text was the 45th Psalm.

Elder A. Hyman followed with singing hymn 380. His text was 2nd chapter, 1st verse of first Kings.

Elder Hagan closed with remarks after singing hymn 145.

Sunday morning—Elder Thomas Best opened the services by singing the first hymn. His text was 4th chapter 10th verse, St. John.

Elder Geo. Robbins followed. His text was 13th chapter, 8th verse of Matthew.

Elder C. M. Wells followed with text, 10th chapter, 34th verse Acts.

Recess one hour for dinner.

Elder Marshall Cooper opened the service in the afternoon by singing Hymn 337. Text 1st chapter, 1st verse St. John.

Elder A. L. Cooper followed by singing three hymns. His text was 32nd chapter, 1st verse Deut.

Elder A. Hyman followed by singing hymn 680. His text was 1st chapter, 1st verse St. John.

Elder Abram Hill followed by singing hymn 76. His subject: "In My Father's house are many mansions."

Elder C. H. Hagan followed with a few brief remarks about Philip and the eunuch. Closed by singing hymn 618.

Monday morning—Elder A. L. Cooper opened the service at the stand by singing Hymn 91. Text 1st chapter, 1st verse of St. John.

Elder E. L. Cobb followed after singing hymn. Text 53rd chapter, 11th verse Isaiah.

Elder Robert Boswell preached. Failed to get text. Both of the last two ministers that preached were white Elders.

The moderator made some appropriate remarks and announced the benediction.

ELDER C. H. HAGANS, Moderator,
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DECORUM OF THE CHURCH

1. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen if need be.
2. Conference shall be opened by prayer by moderator.
3. The corresponding letter shall be called for and read.
4. A door of experience shall be opened for the reception of members into fellowship.
5. The state of the church shall be inquired into.
6. Proceed to any business that shall be before house.
7. No person shall make a public speech without rising from his seat and addressing the moderator by the appellation of brother.
8. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without permission of the Conference.
9. There shall be no whispering in time of a public speech.
10. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be debated upon except it be withdrawn by him that made it.
11. The minority shall give up the majority in all cases except in receiving members into fellowship or to office.
12. If any query shall be handed in by writing the clerk shall read them three times and lay it before the Conference. If required it shall be debated upon and answered or postponed.
13. Conference shall be adjourned by praise or prayer by any person the moderator shall call on.

Circular Letter of the Turner Swamp Primitive Baptist Association for the Year 1934.

My very dear beloved Brethren,
Ministers and Messengers:

You chose me last year to write your Circular Letter for the year 1934 and if approved to be attached to the minutes, and considering my weakness I will make a feeble attempt.

The good Lord has blessed us to meet together in an Association capacity. We feel that we have many

things to thank the Lord for and to bless his holy name.

David said, bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is with in me, bless His Holy Name, and forget not all His benefits. For while we were yet sinners, God commended his love toward us and saved us from our sins by the blood of his Son Jesus Christ, and by his mercies healeth all our diseases, and by the shedding of His precious blood redeemed us from all iniquity and reserve to himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

The propret said, Happy are thou O Israel, who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord.

The Lord so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For Jesus came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost.

For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves for it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God before ordained we should walk in them, for whom he did foreknow he also predestinated; whom he predestinated, them he also called, and whom he called, them he also justified and whom he justified he also glorified. What shall we say to these things? If God be for us who can be against us? For he that spared not his own Son, but freely delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things.

David said, Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance and in thy name shall they rejoice all the day long. Now, beloved, live in peace, pray for each other that he that has begun a good work in us will carry it on unto the day of Jesus Christ. This is my prayer for Christ's sake. Amen.

Charley H. Hagan,

Sharpsburg, N. C.

Statistical Table

Churches and Messeengers	Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Received by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Number in Fellowshi	Contribution
London's—Best, John Battle _____	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	87	$14.00
Turner Swamp—Best, Moore _____	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	10.00
Little Union—Armstrong, Armstrong	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	50	8.00
Barnes—Geo. Farmer, G. Pope ____	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	5.00
Rocky Mount—Walters and Pope ___	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	5.00
Spring Hope—Pulley and Allen ____	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	20	5.00
Rick's Grove—Pender and Powell __	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.00

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Turner Swamp Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

Spring Hope

NASH COUNTY, N. C.

October 13, 14, 15, 1945

Elder T. B. Best, Moderator
John T. Alston, Clerk

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Proceedings

First: After praise and prayer by Elder L. W. Pulley he proceeded to preach the introductory sermon. His text, First Corinthians 13:1, followed by Elder A. Hill, no special text.

Second: After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled in the church and the association conference was opened by praise and prayer by Elder A. Hyman.

Third: Elder T. B. Best was chosen Moderator. Elder J. T. Alston was chosen clerk, after which the decorum of the association was read by the clerk before entering into business.

Fourth: Visiting brethren were invited to seats, also messengers from sister associations.

Fifth: Elders E. Tillery, and I. Goodall were sent to the auditorium to preach after noon.

Sixth: Bro. Roger Taylor was sent to the auditorium to record the minister's text.

Seventh: Brethren J. Aycock, G. Drewery and A. Coley were appointed a committee on finance.

Eighth: Brethren R. Rountree, and W. Whitley, E. Dickerson were appointed a committee on arrangements.

Ninth: Call for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations.

Durham Association—Elders W. H. Thompson, A. Cooper, and Bro. S. A. Bass, with file of minutes.

Little Kehukee—A. Hymen, with file of minutes.

Second Ketocton of Va.—Elders S. W. Timbers, J. A. Bailey, and I. Goodall, with file of minutes.

Tenth: On motion petitionary letters to join this association were called for. None.

Eleventh: Letters from sister churches belonging to this association were called for and read and messengers names were enrolled in the statistical table, also the amount of money each church contributed toward the expense of the association.

Twelfth: On motion, agreed to have four hundred (400) minutes printed.

Thirteenth: On motion, agreed to pay the clerk eight dollars (8.00) for his services.

Fourteenth: Circular letter was called for, read and approved, and agreed to be attached to the minutes.

Fifteenth: Elder T. B. Best was appointed to write the next circular letter.

Sixteenth: Petitions for the next session of this associa-

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tion was called for by Ricks Grove, the church is twelve miles from Wilson in Nash County, association to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1946. Elder J. A. Armstrong to preach the introductory sermon. Elder L. W. Pulley his alternate.

Seventeenth: Elders as follows were appointed to visit corresponding associations:

Durham Association—A. Hill and T. B. Best.

Little Kehukee—A. Hill and T. B. Best.

Second Ketocton of Va.—John T. Alston and J. A. Armstrong.

Eighteenth: On motion, agreed to retain as treasurer Bro. G. Drewery.

Nineteenth: On motion, we adjourned until Monday morning on hymn of praise No. 631. Benediction by Elder S. W. Timbers.

Monday Morning, 10 O'clock

1. Conference was opened by Elder W. H. Thompson with praise and prayer.
2. Saturday's proceedings were called for, read and approved.
3. The roll of churches were called. Messengers were absent from Turner Swamp, Barnes, and Little Vines.
4. On motion, the treasurer made his report as follows: The amount in the treasurer's hand, twenty-five dollars and ten cents (25.10).
5. On motion, the report of the treasurer was received.
6. On motion, the finance committee made its report as follows:

Brought forward	$ 25.10
Received from churches	93.00
Contributions	74.90
Total Amount	$193.00

7. On motion, the report of the finance committee was received and the committee was honorably discharged.
8. On motion, the following disbursements were made:

For printing	$ 30.00
Clerk's Fee	8.00
Expenses of Moderator	6.00
Traveling ministers and messengers	94.00
Home ministers	25.00
Auditorium	20.00
Treasurer	3.00
Total disbursements	$186.00

Amount left in treasury ------ 7.00
All total ----------$193.00

9. On motion, the committee on arrangements was thanked for their services and honorably discharged.

10. On motion, the clerk is authorized to have 400 minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations we correspond with and record one on our records.

11. On motion, agreed that the rules of decorum and constitution be printed in these minutes.

12. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of Spring Hope and community who so kindly prepared, entertained and cared for us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the association.

13. On motion, the association adjourned to meet on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1946, at Ricks Grove church in Nash County, 12 miles from Wilson on Route No. 95. Benediction by the Moderator.

T. B. Best, Moderator
John T. Alston, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday Afternoon

Elder E. Tillery opened service with praise and prayer and proceeded, without any special text.

Elder I. Goodall, Text: First Peter 1:4. Closing remarks and benediction by the Moderator.

Sunday Morning

Elder I. Goodall opened service with praise and prayer and proceeded to preach. Text: Genesis 40:14.

Elder W. M. Thompson, Text: Adam.

Elder J. A. Bailey. Text: Hebrews 10:7.

Elder J. A. Armstrong. St. John 15:1.

Sunday Afternoon

Elder A. Hyman opened with praise and prayer and proceeded to preach. Text: St. John 6:19.

Elder S. W. Timbers. Text: St. John 15:6.

Elder A. Cooper. Text: Rev. 2:1.

Elder A. Hill. Text: John 4:36.

Closing remarks by Elder T. B. Best. Closing hymn No. 506.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Monday Morning

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder

J. A. Armstrong. Text: Isaiah 60:3.

Elder W. H. Thompson followed. No special text.

Elder E. L. Cobb (white) preached a most wonderful sermon from the 13 chapter of Ezekiel and the first verse.

Elder T. B. Best followed and preached. Text: Second Timothy 1:7.

Closing hymn No. 621. Benediction by Elder E. L. Cobb.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Names	Postoffice
Elder T. B. Best	Route 1, Fremont, N. C.
Elder A. Hill	505 Manchester St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. A. Armstrong	Route 1, Elm City, N. C.
Elder L. W. Pulley	Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
Elder J. T. Alston	Route 1, Elm City, N. C.
Elder E. Tillery	Wilson, N. C.

Licentiates

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CIRCULAR LETTER

To those composing the Turner Swamp Association held with the Church at Spring Hope.

Dear Brethren:

There is an earthly house of this tabernacle, and there is

a spiritual house, a building of GOD, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. In our earthly house we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. 2 Cor. 5:1. The earthly house is made with hands, and consists in the works of our hands in attending to the order and ordinances of the visible church. These are the things that are seen, but the deep spiritual signification and power of these visible works are "the things that are not seen". Moses refers to the works of the Lord's people under the law when he says in his prayer, "establish thou the work of our hands; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." By this he expresses the desires of the quickened soul that the true spiritual meaning and power of those legal works might be fulfilled in their experiences, as was done in the gospel. So now it is the desires of the Lord's people that they may realize in their souls the true spiritual significance and power of the gospel ordinances which are attended to in the church openly in the sight of men, such as preaching and hearing the word truth of the gospel, attending to the ordinances of baptism and of the Lord's supper. To feel the spiritual meaning and blessed power of these outward works is to "be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven."

Now may the grace of God be with all those who love the Lord sincerely and may peace and joy and love with faith abound with all saints.

Your brother affectionately,

John T. Alston

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word, which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women, the same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testament as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man, at first he was pure, holy and upright, able to keep the law, but liable to fall, and that He stood as a federal head or representative of all his natural offspring, and that they were to be partakers of the benefits of his obedience or exposed to the misery which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that Adam fell from this state of moral rectitude and that he involved himself and all natural offspring in a state of death, and for that original transgression we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of an Holy God.

6. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures to keep the law of God perfectly, repent of their sins truly, or believe in Christ except they be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

7. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way (by means which He hath ordained), the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified, and that it is impossible they can utterly

refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

8. We believe that jurisdiction in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith alone.

9. We believe in like manner that God's elect shall not only be called and justified but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

10. We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

11. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

12. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believers, and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped whilst in unbelief were not regularly baptized according to God's word, and that such ought to be baptized after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

13. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that associations, councils, and conferences of several ministers or churches are not to impose on the churches, the keeping, holding, or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust and a general judgment.

15. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

16. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

17. Lastly, we do believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an associational way, wherein each church ought to represent its case by its delegates and attend as often as is necessary to advise with the several churches and conference, and that the decision of matters in such associations ought not to be imposed or any wise binding on the churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

DECORUM OF THE CHURCH

1. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen if need be.
2. Conference shall be opened by prayer by the moderator.
3. Corresponding letters shall be called for and read.
4. A door of experience shall be opened for the reception of members into fellowship.
5. The state of the church shall be inquired into.
6. Proceed to any business that shall be before the house.
7. No person shall make a public speech without rising from his seat and addressing the moderator by the appelation of brother.
8. No person shall speak more than three times on any one subject without liberty of the Conference.
9. There shall be no whispering in time of public speech.
10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be debated upon except it be withdrawn by him who made it.
11. The minority shall give up to the majority in all cases except receiving members into fellowship or to office.

12. If any query shall be handed in by writing the clerk shall read it three times and lay it before the Conference. If required it shall be debated upon and answered or postponed.

13. Conference shall be adjourned by praise and prayer by any person the moderator shall call on.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Turner Swamp Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confectioneries, candies, lemonade, coca-cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale or any cold or soft drinks or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes, tobacco of any kind or to make photographs or other pictures. Any person, firm or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars nor over $50.00 nor less than ten days nor more than thirty days or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings in Section 1 of the act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this, the 12th day of October, 1913.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

1. To provide for the general rule of the churches.

2. To provide invariably a chain of communication among the churches.

3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire into the cause why the church fails to represent them at any time in this Association.

5. To appropriate the monies by the church contributed for an association.

6. To appoint any member or members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary.

7. The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion.

8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry, who may be present at the time of the sitting, whom it shall judge necessary.

9. The association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs, or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher who shall travel within the bounds of this association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

PASTORS	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
T. B. Best ----	London's -----	R. Rountree, J. Freeman --					2	2	76	$22.00
A. Hill --------	Turner Swamp -	E. Dickson, J. Aycock ----	1	0	0	0	0	2	43	17.00
J. A. Armstrong-	Little Union ---	M. Barnes, H. L. Armstrong	0	0	0	0	0	2	38	13.00
T. B. Best ----	Barnes -------	C. Whitley, R. Artis ------	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	9.00
-----------	Rocky Mount --	E. Pope, I. Waters -------	0	0	0	0	1	1	13	8.00
L. W. Pulley --	Spring Hope ---	G. Drewery, C. Allen ------	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	10.00
J. A. Armstrong-	Rick's Grove ---	M. Powell, G. Cherry ----	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.00
J. T. Alston ---	Little Vines ---	D. D. Wiggs, L. Bridges --	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4.00
T. B. Best --	Little Nahunta -	J. S. Spruill, A. Coley -----	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	7.00

MINUTES

— of the —

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—of the —

Turner Swamp Primitive Baptist Association

—Held with —

LITTLE NAHUNTA CHURCH

Wayne County, N. C.

October 9, 10, 11,

1948

1949 Session convenes with Little Union Church, one mile from Elm City, N. C, Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

Officers

ELDER T. E. BEST - Moderator - Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
ELDER JOHN T. ALSTON - Clerk
Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TURNER SWAMP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT NAHUNTA, WAYNE CO., N. C., OCTOBER, 9, 10,, 11, 1948.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder T. B. Best, he proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon. No special text. Followed by Elder A. Hill, text, John 3:3.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the Messengers assembled in the church and the Association conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. Hymen.

3. Elder T. B. Best was chosen Moderator, Elder John T. Alston, was chosen Clerk, after which the Rules of Decorum for the Association were read.

4. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

5. Elders L. W. Pulley and J. A. Bailey were sent to the stand to preach afternoon.

6. Brother Julius Freeman was appointed to record the ministers' texts.

7. Brethren J. Aycock, G. Drewery, J. Pulley, were appointed a Committee on Finance.

8. Brethren E. Dickerson, R. Rountree and I. Waters were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

9. Call for Corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations.

Durham Association: Elder A. L. Cooper and W. M. Thompson, with file of Minutes, love and peace and hope for a continued correspondence. Elder J. C. Cameron was with us on Sunday, and we thank the Lord for his gift.

Little Kehukee: Elder A. Hymen, and H. Harris with file of Minutes, peace and love for the cause of Christ.

Second Ketocton: Elders S. W. Timbers, J. A. Bailey, with love and peace and hope for continued correspondence. (Minutes were sent later) and we were very thankful for them.

10 No petitionary letters to join the Association were received.

11. Letters from sister churches belonging to this Association were called for, read and Messengers' names were enrolled in the Statistical Table, also the amount of money each church contributed toward the expense of the Association.

12. On motion agreed to have four hundred copies of our Minutes printed.

13. On montion agreed to pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services.

14. Circular Letter was called for, read, received subject to correction before being attached to the Minutes.

15. Elder E. L. Tillery was appointed to write the next Circular

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Letter.

16. Petition for the next session of this Association was called for by Little Union Church, Association to begin on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1949, Introductory Sermon by Elder J. A. Armstrong, alternate, Elder T. B. Best.

17. Elders as follows were appointed to visit corresponding Associations:
Durham Association: T. B. Best, and A. Hill.
Little Kehukee: T. B. Best, and A. Hill.
Second Ketocton of Va.: John T. Alston, and J. A. Armstrong.

18. On motion Brother G. Drewery was retained as Treasurer.

19. On motion we adjourned conference until Monday morning on hymn of praise No. 506. Benediction by Elder W. M. Thompson.

Monday Morning 10: o'clock:

1. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. M. Thompson.

2. Saturday's proceedings were called for, read and approved.

3. The roll of churches were called. Messengers were present from all the churches.

4. On motion the Treasurer reported as follows:
The amount in the treasury, $29.53.

5. On motion the report of the Treasurer was received.

6. On motion the Finance Committee reported as follows:

Brought forward	$29.53
Received from churches	106.00
Contributions	106.92
Total	$242.45

7. On motion the report of the Finance Committee was received and the Committee was honorably discharged.

8. On motion disbursements were made as follows:

For printing	$35.00
Clerk's fee	10.00
Moderator's expense	8.00
Traveling ministers	80.00
Home ministers	36.00
Treasurer	5.00
Lumber hauling, nails, ice, water,	34.30
Total disbursements	208.30
Amount left in treasury	34.15
All total	$242.45

9. The Committee on Arrangements was thanked for its services and honorably discharged.

10. On motion the Clerk was authorized to have 400 copies of our Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations we correspond with, and record one on our records.

11. On motion agreed that the Rules of Decorum be printed in these Minutes.

12. Be it resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends in the community of Little Nahunta Church for their loyal support of the Turner Swamp Association, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

13. On motion the Association adjourned to meet on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1949 at Little Union Church, one mile from Elm City, N. C., in Wilson County.

Conference closed with praise and prayer and benediction by Elder W. M. Thompson

T. B. BEST, Moderator,
JOHN T. ALSTON, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren in the Lord: As we hope as you chose me to write Circular Letter in the last session, I feel unworthy to write, but I will make the attempt to greet the ministers and Messengers that compose the Turner Swamp Association.

I will call your attention to the eighth chapter of Romans, which reads as follows: "There is now therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." That is when you are born again. Then you should not walk after the flesh, according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world ,that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, according to the writer.

God saved His people before the foundation of the world, and preserved them in Christ Jesus. Then there is no condemnation in them who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, for He says: "If you live after the flesh, you shall die." Brethren, let us live not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, and do not live carnal minded, but spiritually minded, and let the love of God reign in our bodies that we may have fellowship from one to another.

Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in love! May the peace of God reign in our minds is the prayer of your unworthy servant.

J. A. ARMSTRONG.

CHURCH QUARTERLY MEETINGS

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Little Nahunta—4th Sunday in February, May, August, November.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder L. W. Pulley opened with praise and prayer, then proproceeded. His text was Matt. 15:16. Elder Bailey followed, text John 14:1

Sunday Morning:

Elder John T. Alston opened services with praise and prayer and proceeded to preach text, Rev. 13:7
Elder H. Harris followed, no special text.
Elder W. M. Thompson, John 6:44.
Elder A. Hymen, text John 19:5.
Elder S. W. Timbers, 2 Tim. 1:9.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder J. A. Armstrong opened with praise and prayer, then proceeded to preach, text Isa. 32:1.
Elder E. Tillery, Text Prov. 8:22.
Elder A. L. Cooper, text Acts 1:39.
Elder J. C. Cameron, subject, the two church heads, no text.

Monday Morning:

Elder L. W. Pulley opened with praise and prayer, then proceeded to preach text John 15:17.
Elder A. Coley followed, text, 1 Cor. 15:32.
Elder T. B. Best, text, Luke 17:12, and closed with thanks to all, and then the benediction.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAMES	POSTOFFICE
Elder T. B. Best	Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
Elder A. Hill	505 Manchester St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. A. Armstrong	Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.
Elder L. W. Pulley	Rt. 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
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London's	T. B. Best	John T. Alston, R. Rountree	1	..	..	..	..	1	75	$30.00
Turner Swamp	A. Hill	E. Dickerson, J. Aycock	2	..	..	..	..	2	47	17.00
Barnes	T. B. Best	J. Pope, Robert Artist	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	9.00
Little Union	J. A. Armstrong	M. Barnes, H. L. Armstrong	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	14.00
Rocky Mt.	J. A. Armstrong	I. Waters, E. Pope	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	10.00
Spring Hope	L. W. Pulley	G. Drewery, J. G. Pulley	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	15.00
Rick's Grove	J. A. Armstrong	Martha Powell	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4.00
Little Nahunta	T. B. Best	James Sprill, J. L. Coley	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	7.00
		Totals	3	..	..	..	..	4	201	$106.00

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Spring Hope, Nash Co., N. C., October 10, 11, 12, 1953.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 10, 1953.

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. W. Pulley, after which he proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon, from Rev. 21:6-8. He was followed by Elder J. A. Armstrong, who preached the alternate sermon, from Isa. 40:6.

After an intermission of one hour messengers assembled and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. Hyman.

1. On motion, Elder T. B. Best was chosen Moderator.

2. On motion, Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen Clerk. He chose Brother Kemmy Sherrod to assist him.

3. On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seat and take part in our deliberations.

4. Elders were appointed to preach the afternoon service as follows: Elders Knight, J. Lewis, and E. Tillery. Brother Rogers Taylor was appointed to record the ministers' texts.

5. A Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Brothers G. Drewery, R. Artis, and I. Walters.

6. A Committtee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Bros. E. Dickerson, R. Rountree, and M. Barnes.

7. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for; none presented.

8. On motion, messengers from corresponding Associations were called for:

Durham: Elders R. Wade, and A. Cooper reported all in peace and a desire to continue correspondence. A file of Minutes were presented also.

Little Kehukee: Elders A. Hymen and J. Knight reported all in peace and a desire to continue correspondence. A file of Minutes were presented also.

Second Ketocton of Va.: Elders S. W. Timbers, and J. A. Bailey reported all in peace and harmony, and a file of Minutes. They also expressed a desire for continued correspondence.

9. On motion, letters from sister churches were called for. Letters were read and received and messengers were enrolled in the Statistical Table.

10. On motion, it was agreed to have four hundred copies of these Minutes printed.

11. On motion agreed to pay the Clerk $10.00 for his expenses and the assistant Clerk, $3.00.

12. On motion the Circular Letter was called for, read and approved and it was agreed that is be attached to the Minutes.

13. Elder J. A. Armstrong was appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

14. The next session of the Association was called for by Ricks Grove. Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder L. W. Pulley the alternate.

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15. Messengers chosen to visit corresponding Associations:
Durham: Elders T. B. Best, and A. Hill.
Little Kehukee: Elders A. Hill and T. B. Best.
Second Ketocton of Va.: Elders James A. Armstrong.

16. On motion, Brother Drewery was retained as Treasurer.

17. On motion, agreed to adjourn conference until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Elder Timbers.

MONDAY MORNING, October 12, 1953.

1. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Timbers.
2. The roll of churches was called for. All messengers were present.
3. Saturday's proceedings were called for, read and approved.
4. On motion the Treasurer was called to report. Reported and brought forward from last Association:

RECEIPTS:

Brought forward	$67.56	
Received from the churches	111.00	
Contributions	68.45	
Total		$247.01

5. On motion, the Finance Committee was thanked for its service and honorably discharged.

6. On motion the Committee of Arrangements was thanked for their services and honorably discharged.

7. On motion the following disbursements were made:

For printing Minutes	$30.00	
Clerk's Fee	10.00	
Assistant Clerk's Fee	3.00	
Moderator's Fee	8.00	
To traveling ministers	92.00	
To home ministers	35.00	
For the Auditorium	25.00	
For the Treasurer	5.00	
Total amount of disbursements	208.00	
Total amount left in treasury	39.01	
Total	$247.01	$247.01

8. On motion agreed that the Clerk have four hundred copies of the Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, and file one on the record.

9. On motion agreed that the Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith be printed in these Minutes.

10. Extend thanks.

11. Moved to adjourn to meet Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1954 at Ricks Grove on Highway No. 95. Benediction by Elder Pulley.

ELDER T. B. BEST, Moderator,
ELDER J. A. ARMSTRONG, Clerk,
KEMMY SHERROD, Assistant Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren in the Lord, as we hope:—As you chose me to write the Circular Letter in the last session, I feel unworthy to write, so I will make the attempt to greet the ministers and messengers who compose the Turner Swamp Association.

I will call your attention to the first chapter of Ephesians, the second through sixteen verses, which reads as follows:

Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgivenness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: that in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; even in him; in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestidnated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: that we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.

And may we have fellowship from one to another in love. I pray for all that love God and His goodness.

Your unworthy servant,

—Ernest Tillery.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On behalf of the members of the Turner Swamp Association, we wish to express our greatest appreciation for your co-operation, and especial thanks to the Principal, Mr. Acrum, and his co-workers, for the use of the auditorium.

PREACHING SERVICES

Saturday Morning:

Elder L. W. Pulley, text Rev. 21:6-8.
Elder J. A. Armstrong, Isa. 40:6.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder J. Knight, praise and prayer, Isa. 6:1.
Elder J. Lewis, no special text.
Elder E. Tillery, John 3:16.
Elder Ralph Wade, benediction.

Sunday Morning:

Elder H. Armstrong, praise and prayer, Rom. 9:1.
Elder J. A. Bailey, John 12:24.
Elder A. Hyman, Luke 5:35-37.
Elder A. Wade, Gal. 3:1.
Elder A. Hill, John 3:1.
Elder A. Hymen, Benediction.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder E. Newsome, praise and prayer, Luke 29:46.
Elder S. W. Timbers, John 3:27.
Elder A. Cooper, Behold He shall come now.
Elder T. B. Best, Benediction.

Monday Morning:

Elder Bailey praise and prayer, John 10:11.
Elder H. Armstrong, Isa. 60:1.
Elder T. B. Best, no special text.
Closed with hymn 616.
Benediction by Elder T. B. Best.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder T. B. Best, Rt. 2, Stantonsburg, N. C.
Elder A. Hill, 505 Manchester St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. A. Armstrong, Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.
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Elder Eddie Newsome 1102 Wainwright St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder Harvey Armstrong, Rt. 1, Sharpsburg, N. C.

Licentiates:

Manse Bullock, Rocky Mount, N. C.
George Sumbley, Rocky Mount, N. C.

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Little Union	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	M. Barnes, R. Taylor	4	2	..	..	..	..	3	24	16.00
Little Rocky Mount	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	I. Walters	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	12.00
Spring Hope	Eld. L. W. Pulley	G. Drewery, J. G. Pulley	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	10.00
Ricks Grove	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	M. Powell	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4.00
Little Nahunta	Eld. T. B. Best	J. Spruill	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	9.00

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SATURDAY MORNING, October 9, 1954.

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Armstrong, using hymn 3, after which he proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon from St. John 15:1, 2. He was followed by Elder L. W. Pulley who preached the Alternate Sermon from St. John 11:1-5.

After an intermission of one hour, messengers and members assembled in the church and conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. L. Cooper, using hymn number 533. The conference then proceeded to business.

1. On motion, Elder T. B. Best was chosen Moderator.

2. On motion, Elder James A. Armstrong was chosen Clerk. He chose Brother Kemmy A. Sherrod as his assistant.

3. On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats and to take part in our deliberations.

4. Elders were appointed to preach the afternoon service as follows: Elders E. Newsome, J. Lewis and A. R. Neal.

5. A Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Brothers G. Drewery, R. Artis and I. Waters.

6. A Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brothers E. Dickerson, R. Roundtree and M. Barnes.

7. On motion, Petitionary Letters to join the Association were called for. None presented.

8. On motion, messengers from corresponding associations were called for:

Durham: Elder A. L. Cooper represented and made embracing remarks for continued love and fellowship. He expressed a desire to continue to receive our same messengers. A file of minutes was received.

Little Kehukee: Elder A. Hyman represented; presented a file of minutes and made loving remarks.

Second Ketocton: Elders S. W. Timbers and James Bailey present. Elder Timbers presented a file of minutes and made loving remarks toward our cause.

9. On motion, letters from sister churches were called for. Letters were read and received and messengers and data were enrolled in the Statistical Table.

10. On motion, it was agreed to have four hundred (400) copies of these Minutes printed.

11. On motion, it was agreed to pay the Clerk $10.00 for his expenses and the Assistant Clerk $3.00.

12. On motion, the Circular Letter was called for, read and received, and it was agreed that it be attached to the Minutes.

13. On motion, Elder L. W. Pulley was appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

14. The next session of the Association was called for by and granted to Turner Swamp Church. Elder A. Hill was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. The alternate sermon to be preached by Elder J. A. Armstrong.

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15. Messengers were chosen to visit corresponding associations:
Durham: Elders T. B. Best and A. Hill.
Little Kehukee: Elders A. Hill and T. B. Best.
Second Ketocton of Virginia: Elder J. A. Armstrong.
An invitation was extended to other elders.

16. On motion, Brother G. Drewery was retained as Treasurer.

17. On motion agreed to adjourn conference until Monday morning at nine o'clock.

Benediction by Elder J. A. Bailey.

MONDAY MORNING, October 11, 1954.

1. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder James Bailey.

2. The roll of churches was called. All messengers were present.

3. Saturday's proceedings were called for, read and approved.

4. On motion, the Treasurer was called to report. Reported and brought forward from last Association.

RECEIPTS:

Brought forward received	$ 39.01
Received from the churches	111.00
Contributions	62.99
Total	$213.00

Saturday contribution: $20.88; Sunday, $52.11.

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6. On motion, the Committee of Arrangements was thanked for its service and honorably discharged.

7. On motion, the following disbursements were made:

For printing Minutes	$ 30.00
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11. On motion, agreed to adjourn to meet Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1955 at Turner Swamp, two miles west of Eureka, North Carolina.

ELDER T. B. BEST, Moderator
ELDER JAMES A. ARMSTRONG, Clerk
KEMMY A. SHERROD, Assistant Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

You have chosen me to write this letter, and I feel my unworthiness as usual to attempt.

Now I shall call your attention to the second chapter of Ephesians 2: 4th, 5th and 6th verses, which are as follows:

But God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us even when we were dead in sins, both quickened us together with Christ. By grace ye are saved; and hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Dear Brethren, live not after flesh but after the spirit for ye that live after flesh shall surely die, but He that live after the Spirit shall live.

Brethren, my heart's desire in prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For there is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit; my sheep hear my voice and they will follow me. I will give them eternal life and they will never perish.

So walk around Zion and mark well her bulwark.

Tell to generations following, this God is our God, even unto the end.

Your brother in Christ, I hope,

JAMES A. ARMSTRONG

PREACHING SERVICE

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Elder L. W. Pulley, text St. John 11:1-5.

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Elder E. Newsome, text St. Luke 36
Elder J. Lewis, No special text.
Elder A. R. Neal, St. John 1:1,2.
Elder S. W. Timbers, Benediction.

Sunday Morning:

Elder J. Knight, text 1 Kings
Elder A. Hill, theme: "Israel's children."
Elder S. W. Timbers, St. John 19:30.
Elder A. Hyman, St. John, 16:42.
Elder A. Hyman, Benediction.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder E. Tillery, Matt. 7:16.
Elder J. A. Bailey, John 11:2-5.
Elder A. L. Cooper, No special text, theme, "God's Power."
Elder I. C. Goodall, Psalm, "The Lord my refuge and help in time of trouble."
Elder L. W. Pulley, Benediction.

Monday Morning:

Elder H. Armstrong, opened with praise and prayer, text, Isaiah 60:1.
Elder J. Bailey, Acts 3:1.
Elder T. B. Best, Tim. 1:2.
Closed with hymn 621.
Benediction by Elder T. B. Best.

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Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 12th day of October, 1913.

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3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire into the cause why the church fails to represent themselves at any time in this Association.

5. To appropriate the monies by the church contributed for an Association.

6. To appoint any member or members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary.

7. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which violates the Rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion.

8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry, who may be present at the time of the sitting, whom it shall judge necessary.

9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs, or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher who shall travel within the bounds of this Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School Union Societies, nor advocate the Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
London	Eld. T. B. Best	R. Roundtree, M. Artis	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	54	$30.00
Turner Swamp	Eld. A. Hill	E. Dickerson, E. Pope	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	38	20.00
Barnes	Eld. T. B. Best	J. Pope, R. Artis	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	10.00
Little Union	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	M. Barnes, R. Taylor	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	16.00
Little Rocky Mount	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	I. Walters	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	12.00
Spring Hope	Eld. L. W. Pulley	G. Drewery, J. G. Pulley	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	10.00
Ricks Grove	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	M. Powell	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4.00
Little Nahunta	Eld. T. B. Best	J. Spruill	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	9.00

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Fourth

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OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

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WAYNE COUNTY, EUREKA, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 8, 9, and 10,

1955

Next session convenes with Little Nahunta Church, located four miles east of Pikesville, N. C., Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1956.

Officers

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OF THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TURNER SWAMP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held with Turner Swamp Church,
Eureka, North Carolina,
October 8, 9, 10, 1955

SATURDAY MORNING, October 8, 1955.

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. Hill, using hymn 141, after which he proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon from Isaiah 40. He was followed by Elder J. A. Armstrong, who preached the alternate sermon from Isaiah 53:1.

After one hour intermission for lunch, the messengers and members assembled in the church house for conference. Conference was opened by Elder Johnny Knight with praise and prayer. The conference then proceeded to business:

1. On motion, Elder T. B. Best was chosen Moderator.

2. On motion, Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen Clerk, who chose Brother Kemmy A. Sherrod as his assistant.

3. On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats and to take part in our deliberations.

4. Elders were appointed to preach the afternoon services as follows: Elders E. Tillery, I. C. Goodall, and Elder T. B. Best closed. Elders Harvey Armstrong was sent to the stand to record the ministers' texts.

5. A Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Brothers G. Drewery, R. Artis, and J. Pulley.

6. A Comittee on Arrangemments was appointed as follows: Bros. E. Dickerson, R. Rountree, and M. Barnes.

7. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for. None presented.

8. On motion, messengers from corresponding Associations were called for.

Durham: Elder A. R. Neal represented, making loving remarks and presenting a file of Minutes.

Little Kehukee: Elder J. Knight represented and made embracing remarks and presented a file of Minutes.

Second Ketocton: Elder S. W. Timbers represented asking prayers in their behalf and made strengthening remarks. He expressed regret that their Minutes had not been received to be presented to us. Elder J. Baily was with him.

9. On motion, letters from sister churches were called for, read and received. Messengers and data were enrolled in the Statistical Table.

10. On motion, it was agreed to have four hundred copies of these Minutes printed.

11. On motion, it was agreed to pay the Clerk $10.00 and the assistant Clerk $3.00.

12. On motion, the Circular Letter was called for, read and received, and it was agreed it be attached to the Minutes.

13. On motion, Elder A. Hill was appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

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14. The next session of the Association was called for by, and granted to Little Nahunta Church. Elder T. B. Best was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder A. Hill the alternate.

15. Messengers were chosen to visit corresponding Associations:

Durham: Elder A. Hill and Elder T. B. Best.
Little Kehukee: Elders A. Hill and Elder T. B. Best.

Second Ketocton: Elder J. A. Armstrong.

16. On motion, Brother G. Drewery was retained as Treasurer.

17. On motion, agreed to adjourn until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder L. W. Pulley.

MONDAY MORNING, October 10, 1955.

1. Conference was opened by praise and prayer by Elder S. W. Timbers, hymn 5 and prayer.

2. The roll of churches was called. All messengers present.

3. Saturday's proceedings was called for, read and approved.

4. On motion, the Treasurer was called to report. Reported and brought forward from last Association: $17.25

RECEIPTS:

Brought forward and received	$ 17.25
Received from churches	111.00
Contributions (Saturday, $23.45; Sun. $61.02)	84.47
Total received	$212.72

5. On motion, the Committees on Finance and Arrangements were thanked for their services and honorably discharged.

6. On motion, the following disbursements were made:

For printing Minutes	$ 25.00
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Dismissed with hymn 631, benediction by Elder Best.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Elders, Messengers and Brethren who compose the Turner Swamp Association, greetings!

As I was appointed to write the Circular Letter to be attached to the Minutes, though feeling unworthy, I will attempt to do so.

We will call your attention to Hebrews 8:7-13. "For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

May God bless these remarks. Your brother in Christ, I hope.

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Elder L. W. Pulley, text Eph. 1:4.
Elder Best made closing remarks.
Benediction by Elder J. Lewis.

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9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs, or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher who shall travel within the bounds of this Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School Union Societies, nor advocate the Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd. by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
London	Eld. T. B. Best	R. Roundtree, M. Artis	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	55	$30.00
Turner Swamp	Eld. A. Hill	E. Dickerson, E. Pope	2	1	..	2	..	1	1	39	20.00
Barnes	Eld. T. B. Best	K. A. Sherrod, J. Pope	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	10.00
Little Union	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	M. Barnes, R. Taylor	4	1	..	1	..	..	1	25	16.00
Little Rocky Mount	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	M. Edwards, G. Sumbly	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	12.00
Spring Hope	Eld. L. W. Pulley	G. Drewery, J. Pulley	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	10.00
Ricks Grove	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	M. Powell	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4.00
Little Nahunta	Eld. T. B. Best	J. Spruill	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	9.00

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Fifth
Annual Session

OF THE

Turner Swamp
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Little Nahunta Church

PIKEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15,

1956

Next session convenes with Little Union Church, located one mile east of Elm City, North Carolina, Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1957.

— Officers —

ELDER T. B. BEST - Moderator, Rt. 2 Stantonburg N. C.
ELDER J. A. ARMSTRONG - Clerk Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.
BROTHER KEMMY SHERROD—Ass't. Clerk Wilson N.C.
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OF THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TURNER SWAMP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with Little Nahunta Church, Pikeville North Carolina, October 13, 14, and 15, 1956.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 13, 1956.

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder T. B. Best, after which he proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon. He was followed by Elder A. Hill, who preached the alternate sermon, with no special text. After one hour intermission for lunch, the messengers and members assembled in the church house for conference. Conference was opened by Elder A. Hyman. The conference then proceeded to business:

1. On motion, Elder T. B. Best was chosen Moderator.

2. On motion, Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen as Clerk, who chose Brother Kemmy Sherrod as his assistant.

3. On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats and to take part in our deliberations.

4. Elders were appointed to preach the afternoon services as follows: Elder E. Newsome and Elder Johnson and Elder Goodall. Brother R. Taylor was appointed to record the ministers' texts.

5. A Committee on Finance was appointed: Brothers G. Drewery, J. Pulley, and G. Sumbley.

6. A Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brother E. Dickerson, Brother R. Rountree, and Brother M. Barnes.

7. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for. None presented.

8. On motion messengers from corresponding Associations were called for:

Durham: Elder Neal, desiring to continue correspondence.

Little Kehukee: Elder A. Hyman presenting a file of Minutes and expressing a desire to continue fellowship. Elder Knight was with him.

Second Ketocton: Elders Timbers and Bailey. They did not have Minutes, but made embracing remarks for continued peace and fellowship.

9. On motion letters from sister churches were called for, read and received. Messengers and data were enrolled in the Statistical Table.

10. On motion it was agreed to have four hundred copies of these Minutes printed.

11. On motion it was agreed to pay the Clerk $10.00 and his assistant $3.00.

12. On motion the Circular Letter was called for, read and received, and it was agreed to attach it to the Minutes.

13. On motion Elder J. A. Armstrong was appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

14. The next session of the Association was called for, by and granted to Little Union Church. Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder A. Hill, the alternate.

15. Messengers were chosen to visit corresponding Associations:

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Durham: Desire same messengers: Elders A. Hill and T. B. Best.

Little Kehukee: Elders T. B. Best and A. Hill.

Second Ketocton: Elder James A. Armstrong, and others who may desire to visit.

16. On motion Brother G. Drewery was retained as Treasurer.

17. On motion agreed to adjourn until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Hymn number 506. Benediction by Elder J. A. Bailey.

MONDAY MORNING, October 15, 1956.

1. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. Bailey.

2. The roll of churches was called. All present.

3. Saturday's proceedings were called for, read and approved.

4. On motion the Treasurer was called to report. Reported and brought forward from last Association.

RECEIPTS:

Brought forward	$ 16.72	
Received from the churches	112.00	
Contributions	88.32	$217.04

5. On motion the Committees on Finance and Arrangements were thanked for their services and honorably discharged.

6. On motion the following disbursements were made:

For printing Minutes	$30.00
For the Clerk's fee	10.00
For the Moderator	8.00
Assistant Clerk's fee	3.00
Gave to traveling ministers	75.00
Gave to home ministers	30.00
Gave to the Treasurer	5.00
Gave for hauling timber	25.00
For barrel and other expenses	15.90
To the Boy Scouts	5.00

7. On motion agreed that the Rules of Decorum be printed in the Minutes.

8. On motion agreed that a resolution of thanks be extended to friends and patrons of the community and Association.

9. On motion agreed that we adjourn to meet Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1957 at Little Union Church, Elm City N. C.

ELDER T. B. BEST, Moderator
ELDER J. A. ARMSTRONG, Clerk
KEMMY A. SHERROD, Ass't. Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the ministers and messengers composing the Turner Swamp Association. As I was appointed to write a short Circular Letter, my mind at this time is exercised with these words found in Colossians 3: 1-3, which are as follows:

"If we then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory."

Your brother in Christ, I hope.

Elder Abraham Hill

PREACHING SERVICE

Saturday Morning:

Elder T. B. Best, no special text.
Elder A. Hill, no special text.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder E. Newsome, opened with praise and prayer, Jn. 14:1.
Elder Johnson, Isa. 41.
Elder Goodall, no special text.

Sunday Morning:

Elder Neal, opened with praise and prayer, no text.
Elder Bailey, John 11:1.
Elder J. Knight, John 1:1.
Elder A. Hyman, Zech. 9.
Elder A. Hyman, Benediction.

Sunday Evening:

Elder Tillery opened with praise, text Heb. 3:31.
Elder J. A. Armstrong, Isa. 32:1.
Elder S. W. Timbers, John 1:1.
Elder L. W. Pulley, no special text.
Elder T. B. Best, Benediction.

Monday Morning:

Elder A. Hill, opened with praise and prayer, text, Mercy.
Elder S. W. Timbers, text, "Fear not, little Flock."
Elder J. A. Bailey, Benediction of Monday conference.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder T. B. Best, Rt. 2, Stantonsburg, N. C.
Elder A. Hill, 505 Manchester St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. A. Armstrong, Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.
Elder L. W. Pulley, Rt. 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
Elder E. Tillery, 1021 Mercer St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder Eddie Newsome 1102 Wainwright St., Wilson, N. C.

Licentiates:

Manse Bullock, Rocky Mount, N. C.
George Sumbley, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Robert Artis, Stantonsburg, N. C.
A. T. Moore, Jarett, Va.

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Ricks Grove: 2nd Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Rocky Mount: 1st Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Little Nahunta: 4th Sunday in February, May, August, November.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word, which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for salvation of men and women, the same is comprehended or obtained in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man, at first he was pure, holy, and upright, able to keep the law, but liable to fall, and that he stood as a federal head or representative of all his natural offspring, and that they were to be partakers of the benefits of his obedience or exposed to the misery which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that Adam fell from this state of moral rectitude and that he involved himself and all his natural offspring in a state of death, and for that original transgression we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of an holy God.

6. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures to keep the law of God perfectly, repent of their sins truly, or believe in Christ except they be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

7. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way (by means which He hath ordained), the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified, and that it is impossible they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers

of mercy.

8. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith alone.

9. We believe in like manner that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

10. We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

11. We believe it to be the duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

12. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believers, and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped whilst in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

13. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, councils, and conferences of several ministers or churches, are not to impose on the churches the keeping, holding, or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust and a general judgment.

15. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting,

16. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

17. Lastly, we do believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an associational way, wherein each church ought to represent its case by its delegates and attend as often as is necessary to advise with the several churches and conference, and that the decision of matters in such association, ought not to be imposed or any wise binding on the churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen if need be.

2.. Conference shall be opened by prayer or by the Moderator.

3. Corresponding letters shall be called for and read.

4. A door of experience shall be opened for the reception of members into fellowship.

5. The state of the church shall be inquired into.

6. Proceed to any business that shall be before the house.

7. No person shall make a public speech without rising from his seat and addressing the Moderator by the appellation of brother.

8. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without liberty of the Conference.

9. There shall be no whispering in time of public speech.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be debated upon except it be withdrawn by him who made it.

11. The minority shall give up to the majority in all cases except receiving members into fellowship or to office.

12. If any query shall be handed in by writing, the Clerk shall read it three times and lay it before the Conference. If required, it shall be debated upon and answered or postponed.

13. Conference shall be adjourned by praise and prayer by any person the Moderator shall call upon.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Turner Swamp Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confections, candies, lemonade, coca-cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drink or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes, tobacco of any kind or to make photographs or other pictures. Any person, firm, or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars nor over $50.00, nor less than ten days, nor more than thirty days or both at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said Association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings in Section 1 of the Act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 12th day of October, 1913.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

1. To provide for the general rule of the churches.

2. To provide inviolably a chain of communication among the churches.

3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire into the cause why the church fails to represent themselves at any time in this Association.

5. To appropriate the monies by the church contributed for an Association.

6. To appoint any member or members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary.

7. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which violates the Rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion.

8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry, who may be present at the time of the sitting, whom it shall judge necessary.

9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs, or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher who shall travel within the bounds of this Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School Union Societies, nor advocate the Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold such in our churches.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
London	Eld. T. B. Best	R. Rountree, M. Artis	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	53	$30.00
Turner Swamp	Eld. A. Hill	E. Dickerson, E. Pope	2	1	..	..	..	2	2	40	20.00
Barnes	Eld. T. B. Best	J. Pope, K. Sherrod	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	10.00
Little Union	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	M. Barnes, R. Taylor	4	..	..	1	..	1	1	23	16.00
Little Rocky Mount	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	G. Sumbley, A. Walter	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	12.00
Spring Hope	Eld. L. W. Pulley	G. Drewery, J. G. Pulley	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	11.00
Ricks Grove	Eld. J. A. Armstrong	M. Powell	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	44.00
Little Nahunta	Eld. T. B. Best	J. Spruill	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	9.00

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Seventh

Annual Session

OF THE

Turner Swamp

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Little Rocky Mount Church

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

OCTOBER 11, 12, 13,

1958

— OFFICERS —

ELDER A. HILL ..... Moderator

ELDER JAMES A. ARMSTRONG ..... Clerk

KEMMY A. SHERROD ..... Assistant Clerk

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OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TURNER SWAMP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH LITTLE ROCKY MOUNT CHURCH, ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA, OCTOBER 11, 12, and 13, 1958.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 11, 1958.

Services were opened by Elder James A. Armstrong, after which he proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon. His text: "What Shall I Cry?" He was followed by Elder A. Hill who preached the Alternate Sermon. His theme: "A Christian's Experience. After a one hour intermission for lunch, the messengers and members assembled in the church house for conference. Conference was opened by Elder A. R. Neal, hymn 433. The conference then proceeded to business:

1. On motion Elder A. Hill was chosen Moderator.

2. On motion Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen Clerk, who chose Brother Kemmy Sherrod as his assistant.

3. On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats and to take part in our deliberations.

4. Elders were appointed to preach the afternoon service as follows: Brother John L. Torrain, Elder James Freeman, and Elder A. Neal. Brother R. Taylor was appointed to record the ministers' texts.

5. A Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Brother R. Artis, G. Drewery, and Julius Freeman.

6. A Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brothers E. Dickerson, M. Barnes, and M. Artis.

7. Petitionary letters to join the Association were called for. None presented.

8. On motion messengers from corresponding Associations were called for:

Little Kehukee: Elders A. Hyman and J. Knight, file of Minutes, embracing remarks. Desire to continue correspondence.

Durham: Elder A. R. Neal made encouraging remarks, and expressed a desire for continued correspondence, presenting a file of Minutes.

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Second Ketocton: Elders S. W. Timbers and J. W. Bailey made inspiring remarks and expressed the desire for continued correspondence.

9. On motion letters from sister churches were called for, read and received. Messengers and data recorded in the Statistical Table.

10. On motion it was agreed to have four hundred (400) copies of these Minutes printed.

11. On motion it was agreed to pay the Clerk $10.00 and his assistant $3.00.

12. On motion the Circular Letter was called for, read, and received and it was agreed to attach it to the Minutes.

13. On motion Elder George Simmons was appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

14. The next session of the Association was called for by and granted to Barnes Church. Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder A. Hill was chosen to preach the Alternate Sermon.

15. Messengers were chosen to visit corresponding Associations:

Durham: Elders A. Hill and T. B. Best.

Little Kehukee: Elders A. Hill and Elder J. A. Armstrong.

Second Ketocton: Elders J. A. Armstrong and M. Cooper.

16. On motion Brother G. Drewery retained as Treasurer.

17. On motion agreed to adjourn until Monday morning at nine o'clock. Hymn 505. Benediction, Elder A. Hyman.

MONDAY MORNING, October 13, 1958.

1. Conference was opened by Elder Bailey, hymn 196.

2. The roll of churches was called. All present.

3. Saturday's proceedings were called for, read, and approved.

4. On motion the Treasurer was called to report. Reported and brought forward from last Association:

Brought forward	$ 38.80	
Received from the churches	111.00	
Contributions	127.65	$277.45
Paid out	209.00	

Left in the treasury	68.45	$277.45

5. On motion the Committee of Finance and Arrangements were thanked for their services and honorably discharged.

6. On motion the following disbursements were made:

For printing Minutes	$ 30.00	
For the Moderator	8.00	
Clerk's Fee	10.00	
Assistant Clerk's fee	3.00	
Traveling ministers	80 00	
Home ministers	35.00	
To the Treasurer	5.00	
For use of the building	20.00	
For use of the church	15.00	$206.00

7. On motion agreed the Rules of Decorum be printed in the Minutes.

8. On motion agreed that a resolution of thanks be extended to friends and patrons of this community and the Association.

9. On motion that we adjourn to meet Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1959 at Barnes Church 7 miles east of Wilson, North Carolina.

ELDER A. HILL, Moderator
ELDER JAMES A. ARMSTRONG, Clerk
KEMMY A. SHERROD, Assistant Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Elders, messengers, and brethren who compose the Turner Swamp Association, greeetings: As I was appointed to write the Circular Letter to be attached to the Minutes, I feel my unworthiness as usual.

I will call your attention to Hebrews 4:9: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his reast, he also hath ceased from his own works as God did from His. Let us labor, therefore, to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any

two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight."

So little children love ye one another. May God bless us all.

Your brother in Christ, I hope.

Elder Harvey L. Armstrong

PREACHING SERVICE

Saturday morning—Elder James A. Armstrong, text: "What Shall I Cry?" Elder A. Hill, theme: "A Christian's Experience.

Saturday evening—Brother Jerry Torrain, text, Rev. 5:1; Elder James Freeman, text John 9:3; Elder A. R. Neal no text.

Sunday morning—Elder Harvey L. Armstrong, Elder Johnnie Knight, text John 1:1; Elder S. W. Timbers, text 1 Cor. 1:21-23: "Comfort Ye My People." Elder Marshall Cooper, text Isa. 40.

Sunday afternoon—Elder A. R. Neal, text "Upon this Rock" Elder J. W. Bailey, John 5:30; Elder A. Hyman, Deut. 37:7; Elder Stephen Johnson; Elder L. W. Pulley, benediction.

Monday morning—Elder George Sumbley opened with praise and prayer, text Luke 10:7; Elder J. Bailey, John 17: 4; Elder S. W. Timbers, Heb. 11:8; Elder A. Hill, no special text.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder T. B. Best, Rt. 2, Stantonsburg, N. C.
Elder A. Hill, 505 Manchester St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. A. Armstrong, Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.
Elder L. W. Pulley, Rt. 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
Elder H. Armstrong, Rt. 4, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder M. Cooper, Stantonsburg St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder George Sumbley, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Licentiates:

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A. T. Moore, Jarett, Va.
Walter Artis, Wilson, N. C.

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17. Lastly, we do believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an associational way, wherein each church ought to represent its case by its delegates and attend as often as is necessary to advise with the several churches and conference, and that the decision of matters in such association, ought not to be imposed or any wise binding on the churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen if need be.
2.. Conference shall be opened by prayer or by the Moderator.
3. Corresponding letters shall be called for and read.
4. A door of experience shall be opened for the reception of members into fellowship.
5. The state of the church shall be inquired into.
6. Proceed to any business that shall be before the house.
7. No person shall make a public speech without rising from his seat and addressing the Moderator by the appellation of brother.
8. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without liberty of the Conference.
9. There shall be no whispering in time of public speech.
10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be debated upon except it be withdrawn by him who made it.
11. The minority shall give up to the majority in all cases except receiving members into fellowship or to office.
12. If any query shall be handed in by writing, the Clerk shall read it three times and lay it before the Conference. If required, it shall be debated upon and answered or postponed.
13. Conference shall be adjourned by praise and prayer by any person the Moderator shall call upon.

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Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Turner Swamp Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confections, candies, lemonade, coca-cola, pepsi-cola,

soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drink or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes, tobacco of any kind or to make photographs or other pictures. Any person, firm, or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars nor over $50.00, nor less than ten days, nor more than thirty days or both at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said Association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings in Section 1 of the Act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 12th day of October, 1913.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

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2. To provide inviolably a chain of communication among the churches.
3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.
4. To inquire into the cause why the church fails to represent themselves at any time in this Association.
5. To appropriate the monies by the church contributed for an Association.
6. To appoint any member or members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary.
7. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which violates the Rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion.
8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry, who may be present at the time of the sitting, whom it shall judge necessary.
9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs, or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher who shall travel within the bounds of this Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School Union Societies, nor advocate the Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold such in our churches.

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London	Elder T. B. Best	M. Artis, J. Freeman	1	..		..	..		3	46	$30.00
Turner Swamp	Elder A. Hill	E. Dickerson, E. Pope	2	2		..	..	..	3	36	20.00
Barnes	Elder T. B. Best ...	K. Sherrod, R. Artis	3				..	..	1	5	10.00
Little Union	Elder J. A. Armstrong	M. Barnes, R. Taylor	4	1		..	..	..	..	24	16.00
Little Rocky Mount ..	Elder J. A. Armstrong	George Sumbley	1		..	..				6	12.00
Spring Hope	Elder L. W.Pulley ..	G. Drewery, J. Pulley	3	..	..	..	..		1	11	10.00
Ricks Grove	Elder J. A. Armstrong	Sister Martha Powell	2					..	..	1	4.00
Little Nahunta ..	Elder T. B. Best ..	E. Newsome, J. Spruill	4	1		.	..	..	1	10	9.00

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Eighth
Annual Session
OF THE

Turner Swamp

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

BARNES CHURCH

STANTONBURG, NORTH CAROLINA

October 10, 11, 12,

1959

Next session convenes with London Church, located one mile north of Wilson, N. C. on Business 301 Highway, Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1960.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER A. HILL ..... Moderator

ELDER J. A. ARMSTRONG ..... Clerk

KEMMY SHERROD ..... Assistant Clerk

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Proceedings

OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TURNER SWAMP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH BARNES CHURCH, STANTONBURG, NORTH CAROLINA, OCTOBER 10, 11, AND 12, 1959.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 10, 1959

Services were opened by Elder James A. Armstrong, after which he proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon. His text: John 15:1. He was followed by Elder A. Hill who preached the alternate sermon. His theme: "Jacob he loved, Esau he hates." After a one hour intermission for lunch, the messengers and members assembled in the church house for conference. Conference was opened by Elder Timbers, hymn 352. The conference then proceeded to business.

1. On motion Elder A. Hill was chosen Moderator.

2. On motion Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen Clerk. He chose Bro. Kemmy A. Sherrod as his assistant.

3. On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats and to take part in our deliberations.

4. Elders were appointed to preach the afternoon service as follows: Elder H. Armstrong, Elder J. W. Bailey.

5. A Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Bros. R. Artis, G. Drewery and Julius Freeman.

6. A committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Bros. E. Dickerson, M. Barnes and M. Artis.

7. Petitionary letters to join the association were called for. None presented.

8. On motion messengers from correspodning associations were called for:

Little Kehukee: Elders A. Hyman and J. Knight, file of minutes, embracing remarks, desire to continue correspondence.

Durham: Elder A. R. Neal made encouraging remarks and expressed a desire to continue correspondence, presenting a file of minutes.

Second Ketocton: Elders S. W. Timbers and J. W. Bailey, expressed deep love and a desire for continued correspondence

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and a file of minutes.

9. On motion letters from sister churches were called for, read and received. Messengers and data were recorded in the Statistical Table.

10. On motion it was agreed to have four hundred (400) of these minutes printed.

11. On motion it was agreed to pay the Clerk $10.00 and the Assistant Clerk $3.00.

12. On motion the Circular Letter was called for, read, and received and it was agreed to attach it to the minutes.

13. On motion Elder A. Hill was chosen to write the next Circular Letter.

14. The next setting of the Association was called for and granted to London Church. Elder M. Cooper was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen to preach the Alternate Sermon.

15. Messengers were chosen to visit corresponding associations:

Durham: Elders A. Hill and J. A. Armstrong.

Little Kehukee: Elders A. Hill and J. A. Armstrong.

Second Ketocton: Elders J. A. Armstrong and M. Cooper.

16. On motion, Bro. G. Drewery was retained as Treasurer.

17. On motion agreed to adjourn until Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Hymn No. 506. Benediction by Elder A. Hill.

MONDAY MORNING, October 12, 1959

1. Conference was opened by Elder L. W. Pulley, hymn 89.

2. The roll of churches was called. All present.

3. Saturday's proceedings were called for read and approved.

4. On motion the Treasurer was called to report. Reported and brought forward from last Association:

Brought forward	$ 68.45	
Received from churches	11.00	
Contributions	126.32	$305.77
Paid out	$241.00	
Left in treasury	64.77	

5. On motion the Committees on Finance and Arrangements were thanked for their services and honorably discharged.

6. On motion, the following disbursements were made:

For printing minutes	$ 30.00	
For Moderator	8.00	
Clerk's Fee	10.00	
Assistant Clerk's Fee	3.00	
Traveling Ministers	79.00	
Home Ministers	35.00	
Treasurer's Fee	5.00	
Donation to Church	10.00	
Hauling Lumber	25.00	
Materials	21.00	
Stacking Lumber, etc.	15.00	$241.00

7. On motion agreed the Rules of Decorum be printed in the minutes.

8. On motion agreed that a resolution of thanks be extended to friends and patrons of this community and the Association.

9. On motion that we adjourn to meet Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1960 at London Church, 1 mile north of Wilson, North Carolina.

ELDER A. HILL, Moderator
ELDER J. A. ARMSTRONG, Clerk
KEMMY A. SHERROD, Assistant Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Elders, Messengers, and Brethren who compose the Turner Swamp Association, Greetings:—As I was appointed to write the Circular Letter to be attached to the minutes, I feel not worthy to do so.

I will call your attention to Romans 8:1-4. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that is was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the

flesh. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us."

So brethren, please don't walk after the flesh but after the Spirit and please love one another as Christ said little children love one another. May God bless us all.

Your brother in Christ, I do hope.

ELDER GEORGE SUMNER

PREACHING SERVICE

Saturday Morning: Elder James A. Armstrong, John 15:1; Elder A. Hill, theme: "Jacob he loved, Esau he hates."

Saturday Evening: Elder Harvey Armstrong, Isaiah 60:1; Elder James Bailey, Samuel 1:1.

Sunday Morning: Elder James Freeman, John 9:31; Elder A. Hyman, Deut. 3:5; Elder Neal, John 1:1; Elder J. Knight, Jonah 1:1.

Sunday Evening: Elder Thompson, Hab. 2:1; Elder J. Graves, "Grace of God"; Elder S. W. Timbers, Samuel 9:7-8; Elder Bailey, no special text.

Monday Morning: Elder Bailey opened with praise and prayer; song 339; Elder M. C. Cooper, Isaiah 60:1; Elder J. Bailey, Psa. 9:16; Elder S. W. Timbers, "Who do men say I am?"; Elder J. A. Armstrong, Peter 1:5; Elder A. Hill preached and closed with no special text.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder T. B. Best, Rt. 2, Stantonsburg, N. C.
Elder A. Hill, 505 Manchester St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. A. Armstrong, Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.
Elder L. W. Pulley, Rt. 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
Elder M. Cooper, Stantonsburg St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder George Sumbley, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Licentiates:

Robert Artis, Stantonsburg, N. C.
A. T. Moore, Jarett, Va.
Walter Artis, Wilson, N. C.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word, which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for salvation of men and women, the same is comprehended or obtained in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man, at first he was pure, holy, and upright, able to keep the law, but liable to fall, and that he stood as a federal head or representative of all his natural offspring, and that they were to be partakers of the benefits of his obedience or exposed to the misery which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that Adam fell from this state of moral rectitude and that he involved himself and all his natural offspring in a state of death, and for that original transgression we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of an holy God.

6. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures to keep the law of God perfectly, repent of their sins truly, or believe in Christ except they be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

7. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way (by means which He hath ordained), the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified, and that it is impossible they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

8. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith alone.

9. We believe in like manner that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

10. We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

11. We believe it to be the duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

12. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believers, and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped whilst in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

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Barnes	Elder T. B. Best	K. Sherrod, R. Artis	3						1	4	10.00
Little Union	Elder J. A. Armstrong.	M. Barnes, R. Taylor	4						1	23	16.00
Little Rocky Mount	Elder J. A. Armstrong.	George Sumbley	1							5	12.00
Spring Hope	Elder L. W. Pulley	G. Drewery, J. Pulley	3							11	10.00
Ricks Grove	Elder J. A. Armstrong	Sister Martha Powell	2							1	4.00
Little Nahunta	Elder T. B. Best	E. Newsome, J. Spruill	4	2						11	9.00

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Minutes

OF THE

Fiftieth
Annual Session

OF THE

Turner Swamp

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Spring Hope Church

NASH COUNTY, SPRING HOPE, N. C.
OCTOBER 7, 8, 9,

1961

Next session convenes with Ricks Grove Church, located in Nash County, highway 95, seven miles west of Wilson, N. C., Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1962.

OFFICERS

ELDER ABRAM HILL ..... Moderator
505 Manchester St., Wilson, N. C.

ELDER JAMES A. ARMSTRONG ..... Clerk
Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.

KEMMY A. SHERROD ..... Assistant Clerk
1010 Atlantic St., Wilson, N. C.

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OF THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TURNER SWAMP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH SPRING HOPE CHURCH, SPRING HOPE, N. C. OCTOBER 7, 8 AND 9, 1961.

SATURDAY MORNING—October 9, 1961

Service was opened by Elder Abram Hill who then proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon. His text: The Man of God. He was followed by Elder James A. Armstrong, who preached the alternate sermon. His text: Isa. 53:1.

After a one hour intermission for lunch the messengers and members assembled in the church for conference. Conference was opened by Elder Arthur Cooper, using hymn 196 and prayer.

1. On motion Elder Abram Hill was chosen Moderator.

2. On motion Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen Clerk. He chose Brother Kemmy A. Sherrod as his assistant.

3. On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats and to take part in our deliberations.

4. Elders were appointed to preach the afternoon services as follows: Elders J. W. Bailey and Ralph Wade. Elder Walter Artis was appointed to record ministers' texts.

5. A committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Brothers R. Artis, G. Drewery and A. Braswell.

6. A Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brothers M. Barnes, E. Pope and F. Newsome.

7. On motion petitionary letters to join Association were called for. None presented.

8. On motion visitnig messengers from corresponding Associations were called to report.

Little Kehukee: Elders A. Hyman and J. Knight. Encouraging remarks and a file of minutes.

Durham Association: Elders A. Cooper and A. R. Neal. Inspiring remarks by both and a file of minutes.

Second Ketocton: Elders S. W. Timbers and J. W. Bailey. Made enlightening remarks and expressed a desire to continue friendly correspondence.

9. Motion letters from sister churches were called for, read, and received. Messengers and data were recorded in the Statis-

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tical Table.

10. On motion it was agreed to have four hundred (400) of these minutes printed.

11. On motion it was agreed to pay the Clerk $10.00 and the Assistant Clerk $5.00.

12. On motion the Circular Letter was called for, read and received. It was agreed to attach it to the minutes.

13. On motion Brother Kemmy A. Sherrod was chosen to write the Circular Letter for 1962.

14. The next session of the Association was called for and granted to Ricks Grove Church. Elder J. A. Armstrong was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder A. Hill, the alternate sermon.

15. Messengers were chosen to visit corresponding associations:

Durham: Elders A. Hill and J. A. Armstrong.

Second Ketocton: Elders J. A. Armstrong and A. Hill.

Little Kehukee: Elders A. Hill and J. A. Armstrong.

16. On motion Brother G. Drewery was retained as treasurer.

17. On motion we agreed to adjourn until Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Closing hymn 631. Benediction by Elder J. A. Armstrong.

MONDAY MORNING—October 9, 1961

1. Conference was opened by Elder Bailey.

2. The roll of the Churches was called. All present.

3. Saturday's proceedings were called for, read, and approved.

4. On motion the Treasurer was called to report. Reported and brought forward from last Association:

Brought forward	$ 55.17	
Received from the Churches	116.00	
Contributions	121.52	$292.69
Paid out	$233.00	
Left in Treasury	59.69	$292.69

5. On motion the Committees on Finance and Arrangements were thanked for their services and honorably discharged.

6. On motion the following disbursements were made:

For printing minutes	$ 35.00	
For the Moderator	8.00	
Clerk's Fee	10.00	
Assistant Clerk's Fee	5.00	
Traveling Ministers	89.00	
Home Ministers	35.00	
Treasurer	5.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	31.00	
For use of Building	15.00	$233.00

7. On motion agreed that the Rules of Decorum be printed in the minutes.

8. On motion agreed that a resolution of thanks be extended to friends and patrons of this community and Association.

9. On motion that we adjourn to meet Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1962 at Ricks Grove Church, seven miles west of Wilson, North Carolina on Highway 97.

ELDER ABRAM HILL, Moderator
ELDER JAMES A. ARMSTRONG, Clerk
KEMMY A. SHERROD, Ass't Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Elders, Messengers and Brethren who compose the Turner Swamp Association: As I was appointed to write the Circular Letter for 1961, I feel my weakness as usual, but with God's help I will attempt to write.

I will call your attention to Eph. 2:4. "But God who is rich in mercy for His great love wherewith He loved us. Even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ. It is by grace ye are saved: "And grace is fulfillment of the law of God. Brethren, stand fast in the liberty where Christ has made you free. Always abound in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Amen.

Your brother in Christ I hope,

ELDER JAMES A. ARMSTRONG

PREACHING SERVICE

Saturday Morning: Elder A. Hill, theme: "The Man of God." Elder James A. Armstrong, Isa. 53:1.

Saturday Evening: Elder Baily, Psa. 23; Elder Ralph Wade, John 1:1.

Sunday Morning: Elder W. Artis, Romans 8:1; Elder J. Knight, Gen. 2:5; Elder A. R. Neal, "A Pure River of Water"; Elder S. W. Timbers, Eph. 2:1-4; Brother Enoch made enlightening remarks.

Sunday Evening: Elder Harvey Armstrong, Psa. 23; Elder Roy Thompson, Gen. 1:2; Elder A. L. Cooper, "He showed me a river of water"; Elder A. Hyman, "Experience of Grace"; Elder Ernest Graves, "The word was made of flesh."

Monday Morning: Services were opened by Elder James Bailey. His text: John 11:10. Elder S. W. Timbers, "The Good Shepherd"; Elder J. A. Armstrong, "Stand fast." Elder A. Hill closed with brief remarks.

Benediction by Elder L. W. Pulley.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder T. B. Best, Rt. 2, Stantonsburg, N. C.
Elder A. Hill, 505 Manchester St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. A. Armstrong, Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.
Elder J. W. Pulley, Rt. 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
Elder H. Armstrong, Rt. 4, Rocky Mt., N. C.
Elder George Sumbley, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Walter Artis, Wilson, N. C.

Licentiates:

Robert Artis, Wilson, N. C.
Josh B. Rountree, 513 St. James St., Richmond 20, Va.
Kemmy Sherrod, 1010 Atlantic St., Wilson, N. C.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word, which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for salvation of men and women, the same is comprehended or obtained in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man, at first he was pure, holy, and upright, able to keep the law, but liable to fall, and that he stood as a federal head or representative of all his natural offspring, and that they were to be partakers of the benefits of his obedience or exposed to the misery which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that Adam fell from this state of moral rectitude and that he involved himself and all his natural offspring in a state of death, and for that original transgression we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of an holy God.

6. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures to keep the law of God perfectly, repent of their sins truly, or believe in Christ except they be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

7. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way (by means which He hath ordained), the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified, and that it is impossible they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

8. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith alone.

9. We believe in like manner that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

10. We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

11. We believe it to be the duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

12. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believers, and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped whilst in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

13. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, councils, and conferences of several ministers or churches, are not to impose on the churches the keeping, holding, or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust and a general judgment.

15. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting,

16. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

17. Lastly, we do believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an associational way, wherein each church ought to represent its case by its delegates and attend as often as is necessary to advise with the several churches and conference, and that the decision of matters in such association, ought not to be imposed or any wise binding on the churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen if need be.
2.. Conference shall be opened by prayer or by the Moderator.
3. Corresponding letters shall be called for and read.
4. A door of experience shall be opened for the reception of members into fellowship.
5. The state of the church shall be inquired into.
6. Proceed to any business that shall be before the house.
7. No person shall make a public speech without rising from his seat and addressing the Moderator by the appellation of brother.
8. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without liberty of the Conference.
9. There shall be no whispering in time of public speech.
10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be debated upon except it be withdrawn by him who made it.
11. The minority shall give up to the majority in all cases except receiving members into fellowship or to office.
12. If any query shall be handed in by writing, the Clerk shall read it three times and lay it before the Conference. If required, it shall be debated upon and answered or postponed.
13. Conference shall be adjourned by praise and prayer by any person the Moderator shall call upon.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Turner Swamp Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confections, candies, lemonade, coca-cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drink or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes, tobacco of any kind or to make photographs or other pictures. Any person, firm, or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars nor over $50.00, nor less than ten days, nor more than thirty days or both at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said Association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings in Section 1 of the Act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 12th day of October, 1913.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

1. To provide for the general rule of the churches.
2. To provide inviolably a chain of communication among the churches.
3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.
4. To inquire into the cause why the church fails to represent themselves at any time in this Association.
5. To appropriate the monies by the church contributed for an Association.
6. To appoint any member or members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary.
7. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which violates the Rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion.
8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry, who may be present at the time of the sitting, whom it shall judge necessary.
9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs, or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher who shall travel within the bounds of this Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School Union Societies, nor advocate the Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
London	Elder T. B. Best	A. Braswell, J. Barnes	1	1	....	....	....	....	4	33	$30.00
Turner Swamp	Elder A. Hill	E. Pope, J. Braswell	2	1	....	....	....	....	2	34	25.00
Barnes	Elder T. B. Best	K. Sherrod, R. Artis	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	4	10.00
Little Union	Elder J. A. Armstrong.	M. Barnes, H. Armstrong	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	20	16.00
Little Rocky Mount	Elder J. A. Armstrong.	G. Sunner, A. Walters	1	....	2	....	....	....	1	7	12.00
Spring Hope	Elder L. W. Pulley	G. Drewey, J. Pulley	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	10.00
Ricks Grove	Elder J. A. Armstrong.	M. Powell	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	4.00
Little Nahunta	Elder T. B. Best	F. Newsome, I. Coley	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	9.00